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Mr. John E. Youel
Fairbanks Alaska

Barrow Alaska
May 23, 1938.

My dear brother:-

I was very
glad to receive your letter,
when I came here 19 of this
month. I came down here with
my family to see Doctor.

I am not very well. Doctor
examined me and he wanted
to operate on me this week.

I had hernias. As we were
come along, I preach to the people
I visit 12 different people.

We start 26 of April and we got here
19 of this month. We had hard time
with deep snow and we just travel
ten miles a day sometimes.

Different times we saw the people
have nothing to eat and ~~ed~~^{to} feed

^{them}
with my little grub.

Most of the people up there at
Barter Island and each of 'em had
hard time and many times nothing
to eat. We had hard time too. I
spent all my salary for little
to eat and still not enough for
my family. I am thanking you
for you try hard to get more money
for me and if they give me more
money, it will be much easier
for me to support my big family
of ten children. The most
we use grub and clothings
and gas for my boat.

You don't know how much my
wife and I been thanking you
and Mr. Somerville for you are
treat me very good, even as
I am very best of Christ
servants and I am very happy
to teach the people.

While I coming down lots of
young people had been converted
to be good Christians

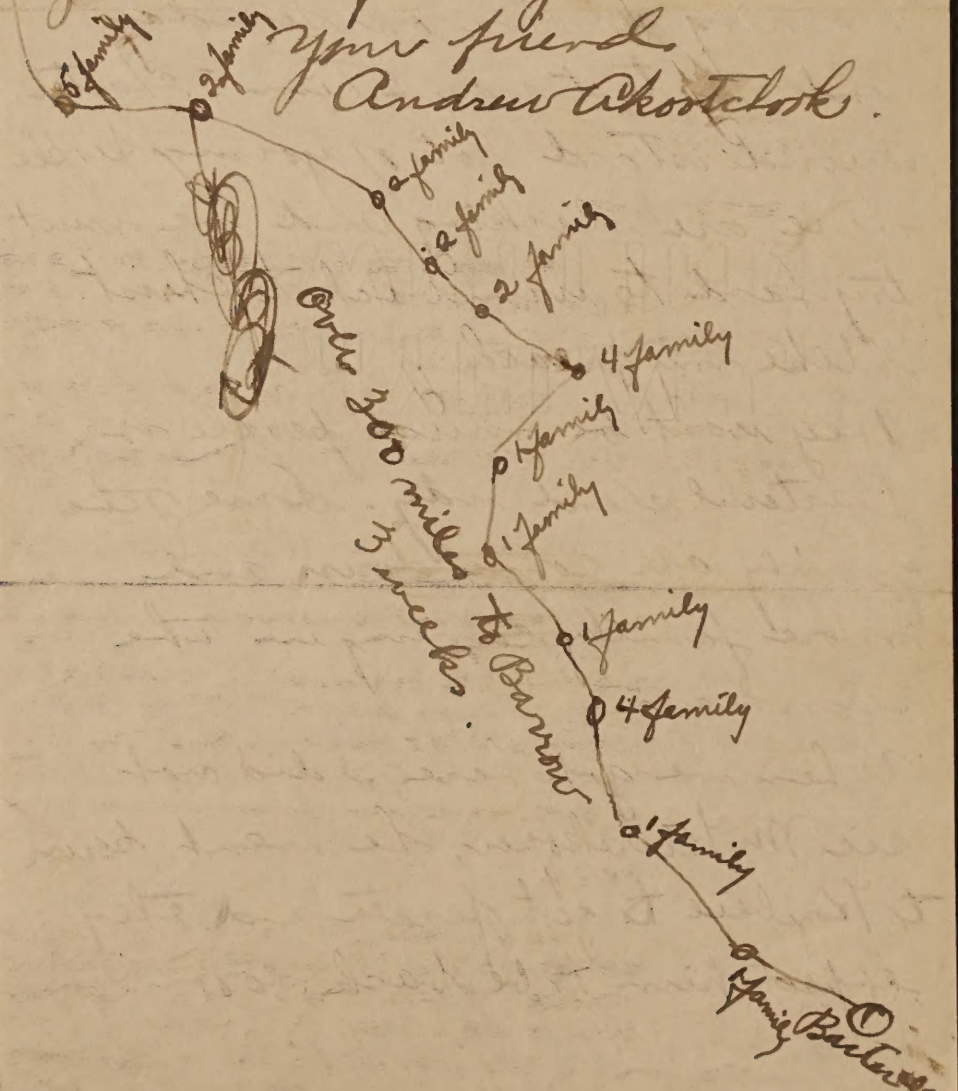
When I come here, I held the
morning service on Sunday
and my text was 2 Tim 3. Chapter.
I understood lots of young people
here are slacking and we must
try hard to win back to Christ.

I like my preaching and

They won't be much people at
Barter Island way. Some of the
family are come down and
more family coming in the
summer.

When we got here, I did not
see Mr Klerkoper, he went down
to Koybere to get operate and they
expect him to be back soon.

I met Mrs Klerokoper and
we are glad to met each
others. I will show ^{you} how I been
travell down from Barts Island to
Barrow. I am always glad to
get advice from you.
Your friend
Andrew Akootchok.



First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Seattle, Wash.

July 8, 1938

Dr. J. M. Sorendike;
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York N. Y.

Dear Mr. Sorendike:

Finally I am back here and ready to sail in the morning. I have had a delightful and busy visit - have made many contacts, many have given me a most responsive hearing in the various places where I've stopped.

Especially at Arkansas City - all gave me such a good time - and my visit and talks were much appreciated, I am sure. Dr. Main was so good and considerate of me - and I am so glad to know him, his family, and his wonderful Church & congregation.

At Synod this week in Tacoma I mentioned to Rev. J. F. Vernon, who was for five years at Fairbanks, just preceding me, our hope that Percy Igalook can come out for more schooling - & be ready for his ordination, and I asked Vernon if he would like to go to Vrainville and substitute for a year or two - and he said he would and could arrange to go, if he could have the word from you with the assurance of the transportation and salary &c. I told him that it is doubtful now for the coming year that the proposed shift could be made, but that I would speed word over to you about it, and would then get word back to him. If anything can be done about the matter for the coming school year, you would likely want to communicate with him directly at his home address which is: ^{Rev. J. F. Vernon,} Enpkel, Wash.

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JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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You have all of that connection with him
I am sure. He is a fine, capable,
and self-sacrificing man, I think,
and loves the Alaskan cause.
Please count on me to do any-
thing I can and do my part
in helping along in this mat-
ter - and others always.

Yours sincerely,
John E. Youel.

P.S.
Thanks again for the happy day I spent
in New York and about the offices of
the fine National Board. I shall be
the better missionary for it all.
J.E.Y.

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Months of April 15 to July 14, 1938

This must be an outline account of the state and activities of the Church over a period of three months, because the Missionary was away from the home station for nearly two and one-half months this spring and summer.

Easter was appropriately observed preceded by a Good Friday service. The attendance and interest in all of the services exceeded by far all previous Easter occasions. The Choirs rendered beautiful and inspiring music in the two main services of Easter Day. There was much to encourage and to cheer us for the future activities and life of the Church.

Then came the days and experiences of the follow-up associations and all the varied plans for the spring and summer all around the Church and community. Our hearts were warmed by the response of the people in general, and by the blessing of the Lord upon our modest efforts.

I must take my part as a commissioner to the General Assembly this year; so it was necessary for me to leave Fairbanks on May 4th that I might arrive in Philadelphia in time for the opening of the Pre-Assembly Conferences on Evangelism. All of the trip and the meeting of friends, Church people, and relatives along the way, were most enjoyable. A few brief stop-overs were made enroute, and the opportunity was taken to speak and hold many conversations and conferences on the subject of "Alaska and Our Work." This was the prevailing rule of my reception and visits throughout my entire travels and visits. I am sure that no one else can have been kept so busy talking about Alaska in the States at any time as I have been during these few weeks as I have gone about in the course of my necessary trip. Though it has been a busy time, I have enjoyed it all and have a great store of memories and experiences ~~hand~~ up that will last me for years to come. Going from comparative isolation in the field of my life and duties in Alaska and having the part and membership in that wonderful General Assembly with its historic atmosphere and message was more than thrilling-it was a spiritual "Mount of Transfiguration" and Holy Benediction. Then consequently the visit to the Capitol City of our Nation- Washington; attendance upon the Commencement Exercises of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis as the guest of one of my home church boys who was among the graduates this year; ten days with my own son, Harlan, and conferences with the members of the Staff at 156- Fifth Avenue- National Missions Headquarters, in New York City; then westward via Philadelphia, Chicago, Kansas City, to Arkansas City, Kansas, stopping several days there for a delightful visit and busy services in connection with the Church and the Vacation Church School, making a pleasant acquaintance with this fine congregation and the pastor, who have for many years carried me as a member of their missionary staff and so generously and sacrificially contributed to my support here in Alaska; then continued westward to Los Angeles and Santa Ana, California, where several days were spent for a grand visit, during which time I was accorded the privilege and honor of addressing several groups and congregations of church people. I traveled with good friends over the Highways from Santa Ana to Portland, Oregon, visited and talked about Alaska much for a few days; then took the train for Tacoma, Wash., and attended the Synod of Washington as a member of the Presbytery of Yukon, meeting in the First Church of Tacoma, with which church I was the Assistant Pastor & Director of Young People's Work some years before coming north to Alaska. It was a very happy experience there for me, and much good was accomplished, I believe, by my part in representing our great Presbytery in its extensive field of work in the Synod's farthest-out stations. When Synod adjourned my work was practically completed and my wide itinerary had been covered in the States. Returning to Seattle I made final preparations for sailing back to Alaska via the SS Columbia of the Alaska Steamship Line. Enjoyed the voyage of six days to Valdez, and

at that port I left the ship and boarded the Stage for the final lap of my long journey over the Richardson Highway to Fairbanks. This ride over a very interesting road that is among the most scenic of any country of all the world was a fitting conclusion of the whole trip covering as far as 12,000 miles. The pleasant company of fellow passengers added to the joy of the rather arduous travels over "the Long, Long Trail." Reached home in the night of July 15th- having been absent two months and eleven days. How glad I was to be at HOME again! My joy was only equaled by my loyal missionary wife- Mrs. Anna Phelps Youel, who had been so faithfully keeping "the Home Fires Burning" all of the time of my far wanderings abroad in the States and by sea and land.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Youel, the Elders and Teachers of the Church and Sunday School, the activities of the Church were carried on during my absence all of the time, in all departments except the services of worship and preaching. There was no Minister of the Gospel available for doing that part except upon one Sunday, May 29th, when a visiting Lutheran Minister was in the city and conducted a morning service of worship in which a very good number were in attendance.

There has been no break in the continuity of the Sunday School sessions this summer, and it is expected that there will be none. Necessarily the desired Vacation Church School was delayed, and we are planning to hold it ere the summer shall have passed.

Some adjustments of the programs, some omissions and variations of part of the departments of work are being made while we are in the center of the short summer. Very many of our folks of the congregation are out and away somewhere. It is for only a very little time that they can be away from the accustomed work and affairs. In just a few weeks all will be back in the normal swing of things, and we shall resume the whole round of our program for all ages of the people withing the reach of our Ministry.

We are constantly grateful to God for all our friends and supporters and advisors- especially to the Board of National Missions, Dr. John M. Somern-dike, Director- to the First Presbyterian Church of Arkansas City, Dr. Frederick Maier, Pastor- to the Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Rev. A. Meredith MacColl, Pastor. It is a joy and blessing to have met and conferred cheerfully and fully with all of these dear friends this summer. Now, I am so sure that we shall be going forward into the ways and enlarging harvests in spiritual things in the year or years ahead. We shall be devoted to the doing of our best in every way.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of July 15 to August 14, 1938

The time for the Monthly Narrative is here again and we are noting that there is not much that can be written at this time of the year as usual. There is no possibility of holding many services and having any large number of people attending them. In that respect figures cannot adequately express the status and program of our work here in Alaska.

We are just as busy as we can be making and holding contacts with various individuals and families in the community. Numerous new people have been moving here this past spring and summer,- so that a large part of our time and efforts are being expended in visiting and lining numerous persons into the departments of the Church's life and work. We are much encouraged.

Many friendly tourists have been coming this way and have favored us by their visits in the services of worship and calls at the Manse. It is good to have their kind expressions of appreciation and some wholesome praise for what has been done in the past and for the present appearance and order of things.

Morning Worship only is being held during this month on Sabbath mornings. The spirit of the hour is good and the general atmosphere is a very blessed contribution for the best interests of life for all concerned. Those missing in the services are definitely remembered in prayer before the throne of grace. We shall be happy to come again into the autumn season when the day schools will be in session and the established routine of work will be resumed. Much activity and spiritual progress are being anticipated through the coming winter months. Large plans and practical programs are being outlined these quieter days of the congregation's work.

Sunday School is being held every Sunday through the summer without a break. Not many are in attendance any day but many different ones have been present once or more so that we are sure it is good to keep the school operating. A few of the faithful workers have taken no vacation. To them we are especially grateful and only hope that they will not grow weary nor feel that their labor has been in vain.

The women's organization- Ladies' Aid Society- is working right along and much is being accomplished. The members keenly feel the responsibility of keeping up the interest and pressing on in view of reaching their set goal of \$500 for the Church Year to apply on the retirement of notes carried by the Church for the remaining \$1400 of the Building Debt. They will surely succeed. Their zeal is a lesson and inspiration to all the rest of the congregation. God forbid that we be willing to let them carry the whole load!

Just now our disappointment is great because of our inability to hold the proposed Vacation Church School this summer. Plans were made and materials were purchased; the day for opening was nearly come when we found that many of the children of the community were afflicted with the whooping-cough, and parents were not willing for them to come to the school,-others did not want their children to become exposed to the disease especially now since the public schools will be opening soon. The local Health Officer, Dr. Gillespie, requested that children should be kept from gathering in public places for a few weeks and stated that the sickness had reached an epidemic stage. Leadership for the class work was also lacking so late in the summer as this also. -- It was unfortunate that the pastor had to be away for General Assembly and in the States during the first half of the summer. It was necessary to depend upon him for supervising the vacation school. We are more sorry than we can say, and we shall try to work the harder through the coming fall and winter to make up for our failure to carry through the coming summer.

Our desired plans for the Vacation Church School this summer.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

September 6th, 1938

Rev. John E. Youel
Fairbanks
Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter written to Miss Voss by Dr. Condit. Are you acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Hobgood who evidently have been teaching school at Wales? When you went to Wales last fall did you gain the impression that Miss Stauffer was a "misfit," and that the people did not react favorably toward her ministrations? I would appreciate it if you would write me in such a way as to enable me to answer Dr. Condit's letter in a satisfactory manner.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:PDS

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August 13, 1938

Miss Edna R. Voss
166 Fifth Ave.
New York City

My dear Miss Voss:

The following has just come to me from Prof. W. T. Lopp,
4738 9th Avenue, Seattle, Washington:

"I have had several talks with Mr. and Mrs. Hobgood who have been at Wales for the past two years and are being transferred to the Douglas and Juneau schools. They confirmed what I learned from a few of the most reliable Eskimos at Wales, that the mission nurse there is a misfit and that all the people are hoping that the Board will recall her and send them a different type. You will recall that I contacted those people on my summer and fall trip of '38.

"I imagine, doctor, that you are somewhat familiar with the situation. But I suggested to the Hobgoods that if they had an opportunity to talk with you that they tell you about conditions, in order that you might pass on to the Board any information which you think they should have. I think they stated that the natives had already written the Board. So I am hoping that before or on your way out you can arrange for a conference with the Hobgoods at Douglas or Juneau."

As we go directly from Sitka to Seattle it will not be possible for me to see the Hobgoods. As you will recall Mr. Lopp was for many years at Wales and afterwards was in charge of the Alaska office for native Bureau of Education affairs. Should you desire information from the Hobgoods they could be reached at Juneau or Douglas and possibly Mr. Waggoner could interview them in the Board's behalf if that is thought desirable.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) JAMES H. CONDIT

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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

September 10, 1938

Dr. John M. Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Somerndike:

I have found that I can be taken to Wales and return for the visit to the Thornton Memorial Church and Miss Emma M. Stauffer this fall for a cost of approximately \$200.00, including necessary expenses enroute. For these long trips you will know that weather and other conditions might cause a storm-bound delay somewhere, which would add to the expenses very materially. I shall probably go with Hans Mirow, as I did last year. Am hoping that I can make the trip a week or so earlier than last year, - I left Fairbanks on Oct. 16th, going the whole way that same day. Right after Oct. 2nd, which will be our Rally Day and Communion Day here, I want to make the trip to Wales, if possible. I am writing Miss Stauffer about this plan so that she can be making such arrangements for the most useful visit possible with her people and Mission. She has said for me to plan to visit them over Thanksgiving, but that is too late considering flying conditions, and I feel that I must be here on my own field over that important time and event.

Will you please have a check for the expenses of the trip, \$200.00, sent to me as early as possible? That will be most acceptable to me this time, since I do not have the money available for use in advance. Can you do that for me?

About the Nenana- Grace Church and the proposed building improvements: I have not been down there again, but I am entirely familiar with the situation, and have just had a good talk with one of the Elders, who is also a Trustee, and he, Mr. Tom Jones, is satisfied with me that the Nenana community will gladly do quite a lot about making those indicated improvements possible as soon as the Board can make the grant for the major part. When and if that is done, I shall be willing to spend several days at Nenana for the purpose of helping them organize the donation of labor and raising of their part of the funds. You ask about the Manse part of the Church. That part is completely burned out- charred through and through, and has not been usable for residence purposes, so that there has been no use of it and no rental money consequently since the fire which occurred in 1930. In the figures which Mr. Robinson gave in his letter and which you have on file, we are not intending to put the Manse part of the building in repair for residence purposes, but only for plain class-room and store-room uses. Therefore, if you and the Board can make Nenana Grace Church as good a grant as possible, along the lines of our asking, we, of the Presbytery, along with the local folks there, will do the best we can to put the building in usable and sightly shape. - Cordially as ever,

John E. Youel.

P.S. Miss Stauffer and the Seniors at Wales want a Senior Records Book. It should be a Minutes of Seniors and Church Records combined - not loose-leaf. If the Board will handle such books and send it to me soon, I'll take it over when I go and help them establish it into use.

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of August 15 to September 14, 1938

The summer and vacation season is rapidly passing along. We shall soon be getting back into the active and busy time of the year in the Church work and interests. We shall be happier then. Some of us try to keep the organizations and services of the Church going right through the summer time, but cannot have the support and help of very many here. Nearly everyone insists upon taking vacation from Church work and attendance. Pastors and Missionaries are always glad when the schools begin in the fall for then the organized life of the community becomes steady and reliable again.

The usual appointments are all being made and kept in the program of the Church. We are carrying quite a load just now as well as later. Much has to be done about the calling and contacting individuals in view of enlisting them in positions of teaching and membership in the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, Ladies' Aid Society, etc. Some are giving us much good encouragement and are already taking their share in things. We shall keep on the trail of numerous others. Personal work counts for the best results.

September is our rallying time. October 2nd will be observed as the World-Wide Communion Day. Definite and careful plans are being laid for this important event. We are praying for a real spiritual experience with the attendance and participation of a large number in the services of that day.

The status of the whole Church at this time of the year is rather quiet--may it be significant of a real revival of life and action coming to us by the blessing of God upon our labors just a little later on this fall. How we are longing and praying for such an awakening here!

We shall hope to have the story of deep and strong forward-moving things to relate in the narratives of the months to follow during the coming fall and winter.

Have patience with and pray definitely for us every week back at our friendly and supporting Headquarters at 156- New York.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary





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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

September 20, 1938

Dr. John M. Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike:

I have just received your letter and the enclosed copy of Dr. Condit's letter regarding Miss Stauffer and the Wales field.

Of course I met Mr. and Mrs. Hobgood at Wales a year ago. While there for the four days I did not gain the impression that Miss Stauffer was a "misfit" in any way. She seemed to me to be quite well adapted to just that sort of situation and people, and amazed me with her patience and contentment to stay with that sort of thing and give them her whole-hearted ministry and life. I doubt if there could be found another woman in the churches of the States who could fit into the situation and "fill the bill" so well as she is doing the job. The only way that I could suggest an improvement would be to get a good conscientious and judicious experienced man to go in and live and do the work there. It would take a trained and capable native man at that, I believe. Miss Stauffer is a very plain type of person who does not seem to me to be sensitive to many unpleasant things about the people and their manner of life to the extent that they become offensive to her; but she is consecrated to her calling just like the best of the foreign missionaries I have known. I gathered from Miss Stauffer's remarks to me that, it is probable that some of those village men sometimes rather resent being told by a woman what to do and how to do it. However, being a woman and quite alone over there, I am satisfied that you can be sure that the support and sympathy of the Board should at all times be extended to Miss Emma M. Stauffer.

I do not know, have never met, Mr. W. T. Lopp. I was not at all favorably impressed with the Hobgoods as being in any degree qualified to advise about missionary work with the Eskimos. They are Arkansas people, very southern and extremely provincial, and I mean narrow. I would not at all be concerned by their opinions or criticisms. I have come to know that much of the unrest and trouble along the Arctic Coast has been caused or aggravated by some of those Government people. It verily looks to us like downright jealousy and active efforts to have and hold popularity with the natives for selfish purposes.

When I go over to Wales next month I am sure that you will want me to check up on the "lay of the land," which I

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shall make it a point to do very carefully. If there is any particular form of enquiry you would want me to follow, you may have time to get the word to me before I shall go. I shall want to make the trip not later than the 16th of Oct., which was the date I made the hop last year, and found it late enough then in respect to flying weather over on the West Coast.

I hope that I have been able to say the thing that will enable you to answer Dr. Condit as you desire along the lines of his letter to Miss Voss.

Yours very cordially,

John E. Youel.

Sept.
23rd
1938

Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Your letter of September 10th arrived after Dr. Somerndike had left the office to fill a number of synod engagements, and we are holding it for his attention upon his return the latter part of October.

In the meantime we have requested our Treasurer's Office to send you a check for \$200 to cover the expenses of your trip to Wales. In response to Miss Stauffer's request we sent her on September 9th a Sessional Record containing pages to record the names of the members of the church, baptisms, etc., and also space for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Session. We trust that this will meet her need.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Somerndike.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Prelude, Op. 25, No. 1 - - - - - Wright
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 16: The Two Ways of Life
Hymn No. 115: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:7-20
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: From the Unfinished Symphony - - - - - Schubert
Baritone Solo: I'm a Pilgrim and I'm a Stranger - - - - - Marston
Mr. F. B. Koschmann
Sermon: World-Wide Christian Fellowship of Remembrance
Hymn No. 61: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Hymn No. 206: I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Allegretto - - - - - Haydn

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty

Topic for Discussion: Learning to Cooperate. Leader: Mr. Lewis Fravel.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude
Hymn No. 179: There Is Sunshine in My Soul today
Evening Prayer
Scripture: Luke 16:19-31
Hymn No. 252: He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought
Offering
Offertory Music
Hymn No. 259: O Jesus, I Have Promised
Sermon: Parable of the Rich Man and the Beggar
Hymn No. 264: Face to Face With Christ My Saviour
Benediction- Friendly Greeting
Piano Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING is held Wednesday Nights in Young Memorial Hall at 7:30 for just one hour. Invite a friend and come.

THE GENERAL MEETING of the Ladies' Aid Society will be held at 2 Thursday in Young Memorial Hall. Mesdames Clausen and Hering will be the Hostesses. All ladies of the Congregation are cordially invited.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30.

THE SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session every Sunday at 10.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Prelude, Op. 25, No. 2 - - - - - Wright
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 1: The Joy of Worship
Hymn No. 103: Break Thou the Bread of Life
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:39-65
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: From the Sixth Symphony, Op. 74 - - - - -Tschaikowsky
Anthem: Lord, Let Me Serve Thee - - - - - H. von Berge
Sermon: The Face of Jesus Christ
Hymn No. 89: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Allegretto - - - - - Rameau

AT 6:30 TODAY- Christian Endeavor. All Young People's Hour.

Evening Gospel Service at Seven Thirty

Fifteen Minutes of Music and Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading.
Personal Remarks for the Good of the Kingdom.
Sermon: Laborers in the Vineyard and Their Wages or Reward
Song of Invitation No. 154: I Gave My Life for Thee.
Prayer and Benediction.
Musical Selection by the Pianist. Friendly Greeting.

DRAMATIC CLUB FOR BOYS AND GIRLS meets Wednesdays after School at 3:30.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING is held Wednesday Nights in Young Memorial Hall at 7:30 for just one hour. Everyone will gain much good here. COME.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30. Are there others who would like to join the Choir? We must have a regular group of singers for the Evening Service also. Report to Mr. Koschmann.

THE SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30 in Young Memorial Hall. Several good games are provided. Here is a place where young folks may spend a pleasant and profitable evening in company with friends in a warm, lighted, and wholesome atmosphere. We are beginning the third season for the operation of this Social Center. This year none will be admitted these hours who are under 7th Grade in School, but another time each week will be arranged for those who are younger here.

THE SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session Sundays at 10:00. There are classes and great Bible lessons for all ages. Study the Word.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR publishes the Notices for the Week. Take it home and keep it convenient for reference. THERE IS A PLACE FOR ALL IN OUR CHURCH

MEMORATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of September 15 to October 14, 1938

How time passes! We are supposed to be having cold, disagreeable weather now, but it is still unusually mild for this country. We are happy about this, and feel that every pleasant day will make winter that much shorter.

Our whole program of work is practically set up and going. All departments are moving in the right direction. We shall be better pleased when they all get into full swing.

We have rallied into the order of things and are doing our best to get our full quota of people back into place. Some old workers are "among the missing" and we are much pleased and encouraged to find that we have many newcomers here with us. Some of them are proving to be fine workers. We can use many of their capacity and spirit.

I am happy to be able to state that the interest is very good, and we are seeing much to give us reason for gratitude and good cheer.

So shall we keep going forward in faith- quite sure of realizing greater and better things and blessings this coming winter than we have ever known in this church and community before.

Putting ourselves and all our abilities into the life and work of our very wide field of ministry we shall "press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Thank you all for your prayers for us up here in ALASKA this month of October. We have felt a mighty impulse of strength to do our part here.

As the month comes to a close I am preparing to "take off" for another visit to the Bering Straits and Cape Prince of Wales to see my friends the Eskimos. Should be on the flight as soon as my pilot comes in from Nome. I'm happy that I can go, but sorry to break my daily connections here on the home field even for a few days. My folks here are pleased to spare me for awhile (maybe a relief to them) and share in that work over there by sparing me for that bit of ministerial service in response to the orders of the Board. God grant that the long 'plane trip over the wide open spaces and rugged mountains may be safely executed, and then I shall be writing much about it all next Month.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

Oct.
24th
1938

Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Will you be kind enough to get in touch with Mr. Frank O. Robinson of Nenana, and ascertain what can be done in the matter of putting the Nenana church into better condition with an expenditure of about \$450? That seems to be about all that I will be able to get at the present time. I think it would be wise for you to run down there, talk over the whole situation with Mr. Robinson, and let me know what can be done with that amount of money.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of October 15 to November 14, 1938

Delightful winter weather prevails most of the time so far. Usually by this time of the year severely cold weather is upon us. Last week for a few days the thermometer registered around 20 degrees below zero. Now it is about that much above zero. This way we are able to get out and do much of the calling and other ministries through the community with much comfort.

Most all of the work of the Church is being carried through by the respective organizations in the way expected. There are many cases of whooping cough in town, and that is affecting the attendance in our Sabbath School especially. So many are missing every Sunday this fall and winter. We can do little or nothing about it, and we shall try to be patient. There is a noticeable improvement the last few days in the attendance at the Public School, so we are sure that we shall find many more of our children back in the classes in the Church right along now.

On Oct. 24th I left Fairbanks by airplane to make my annual trip and visit to Wales, Alaska, by authority of the Board of National Missions. Because of an accident with one of the airships of the company with which I was travelling, and on account of bad flying weather, I was four days getting through to Wales. Spent four days with the Wales people, and then three more days were required to get through to Fairbanks, my home station. It was all a wonderful and thrilling experience the whole way. The visit and ministry I was able to contribute to the Wales Church and Village were to the point and most satisfactory. Shall make my full report of all of that event in a separate paper. Safely returning home I found Mrs. Youel and many of my congregation happy to receive and welcome me back again. The time which was necessary for me to be away was that much of a contribution to the ministry of the wider field to which we have a distinct duty and responsibility in this great part of Alaska. My people here seem to be interested in hearing me tell of the Eskimo folks out there to the far westward reaching to Bering Strait. I have a good store of information and impressions to contribute in my pulpit and teaching work with the congregation and groups in the years ahead.

My friends the women of the Ladies' Aid Society are desperately working with the last little things in preparation for that Annual Bazaar which is dated on the 19th of Nov. That means a great big job for me, too, since it is "up to me" to set the whole thing in order with the tables, booths, etc., all about the building. It is quite an old story with me these later years, and I feel confident that we shall make a great success of the affair. We all want to have the results in financial income make certain the reaching of their goal of \$500 for this Church year. I think it is just as good as finished successfully already, for they have never failed to "go over the top" in the years I have been here on this field. Next month you will have our account of this major effort of our faithful group of women constituting the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church. It is in reality a WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We have very much laid out to accomplish this winter here on the field of our labors. How happy we shall be if we can realize a large portion of it all, especially that many souls may be won for Christ and substantial additions recorded on our Church Membership roll. Pray for us at your Staff Prayer-Meetings, please. We are working as hard as we possibly can.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: On the Fjord	- - - - -	Gade
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading No.6: God's Gift of Prosperity		
Hymn No.109: Come, Thou Almighty King		
The Apostles' Creed		
Scripture: Mark 10:32-45		
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory: Sunday Morning in the Mountains	- - - - -	Ganz
Anthem: Give Thanks Unto God	- - - - -	Adams
Sermon: The Gospel According to Mark		
Hymn No.252: He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought		
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace		
Piano Postlude: Prelude, Op.25, No.5	- - - - -	Wright

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Meeting of the Young People

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude	- - - - -	Selected
Thanksgiving Praise Service		
Reading of Scripture: Psalm 103		
Offering		
Offertory Music and Song	- - - - -	Selected
Sermon: The Bible View of Thanksgiving		
Song No.192: God Will Take Care of You		
Prayer and Benediction		
Piano Postlude	- - - - -	Selected

DRAMATIC CLUB- meets Wednesdays after School. Preparing for Christmas.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday Night at 7:30 in Y.M.Hall.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE- Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, will be held in this Church at 10:30 A.M. Rev.C.P.Shelton, Vicar of St.Matthews Episcopal Church, will preach the annual sermon. Offerings of the worshippers will be used for charitable purposes at the discretion of the Ministers.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR will omit its usual Thursday Night rehearsal.

THE SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30 in Young Memorial Hall. A good variety of games are available. There is no charge for the privileges and hospitality of the Church. We want to cultivate a friendly spirit of wholesome fellowship.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session Sundays at 10:00.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR publishes the Notices for the Week. Kindly accept it

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Adagio, Op. 53, No. 4 - - - - - Mendelssohn
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 7: God's Constant Care
Hymn No. 114: The Church's One Foundation
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Luke 19:1-10
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Chanson Pensive - - - - - Gretchaninoff
Hymn of Thanksgiving: Now Thank We All Our God - - - Cruger
Sermon: The Gospel According to Luke
Hymn No. 231: I Love to Tell the Story
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: A Fleecy Cloud, Op. 53, No. 2 - - - Mendelssohn

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Meeting of the Young People.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise
Reading of Scripture: Luke 15:11-24
Offering
Offertory Music and Song - - - - - Selected
Sermon: The Prodigal Son: A Parable of Salvation
Song No. 149: Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home
Prayer and Benediction
Piano Postlude - - - - - Selected

SESSION MEETING in the Pastor's Study Tuesday Night at 7:30.

TRUSTEES' MEETING in the Pastor's Study Tuesday Night at 8:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS in the Church Wednesdays after 3:30

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER-MEETING every Wednesday Night at 7:30 in Y.M. Hall.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY General Meeting will be held Thursday beginning with a Luncheon at 1:30 to be served by East Side Circle in Young Memorial Hall. There will be a charge of 25 cents. Reports of the Bazaar will be an interesting and stimulating feature. A large attendance is desired.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30.

THE RECREATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00--10

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session Sundays at 10:00.

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Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Largo (from Xerxes) - - - - - Handel
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.8: God Our Helper
Hymn No.14: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: John 1:1-14
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Of Foreign Lands and People, Op.15, No.1 - - - Schumann
Baritone Solo: Immortalis - - - - - Walker
Mr. John Simpson
Sermon: The Gospel According to St. John
Hymn No.167: Tell Me the Old, Old Story
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: A Dream of Love - - - - - Liszt

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Meeting of the Young People.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude: Village Musician - - - - - von Wilm
Songs of Praise
Scripture: Luke 15:25-32
Offering
Offertory: Sarabande - - - - - Handel
Vocal Number - - - - - Selected
Sermon: The Prodigal Son's Brother-- A Parable of Lovelessness
Song No.246: Rescue the Perishing, Care for the Dying
Prayer and Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS in the Church Wednesdays after 3:30. Parents will kindly co-operate by reminding the children of this most important appointment for the careful preparation of our Christmas program.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER-MEETING every Wednesday Night at 7:30 in Young Memorial Hall. The Pastor urgently calls upon the People to join him here.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30. The music for Christmas is being studied. Persons desiring to sing this music should be present not later than next Thursday Night. Time is short.

RECREATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 on Sundays.

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CONSIDER GIVING CHRIST YOUR HEART FOR DEVOTED SERVICE THE COMING CHRISTMAS
-----JOIN THE CHURCH-----

*I. always make
my programs and
Church Calendars
myself-*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Song Without Words, Op. 19, No. 11 - - Mendelssohn
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 9: The Fearlessness of the Faithful
Hymn No. 115: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Acts 1:1-14
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Consolation, Op. 30, No. 3 - - - - Mendelssohn
Baritone Solo: The Lord is Mindful of His Own - - Mendelssohn
Mr. F. B. Koschmann
Sermon: The Acts of the Apostles and the Holy Spirit
Hymn No. 98: Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Hope, Op. 38, No. 4 - - - - Mendelssohn

AT 12:00 NOON- The Session and Sunday School Teachers will please Meet.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Meeting for All Young People.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude: - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 21:28-32
Offering
Offertory: - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: The Final Test of Deeds- A Parable of the Judgment
Song No. 264: Face to Face With Christ My Saviour
Prayer and Benediction

S.S. CHRISTMAS PRACTICE in the Church Wednesday at 3:30- Saturday at 10

THE CHOIR meeting for rehearsal of Christmas music Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00. Every member please be present promptly as possible.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER-MEETING Wednesday Nights at 7:30. This is urgent!

LADIES' AID CIRCLES will omit holding their Meetings this Month.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 on Sundays.

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GIVE CHRIST YOUR WHOLE HEART FOR DEVOTED SERVICE- THE BEST POSSIBLE GIFT

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

December 14, 1938

Dr. John M. Somerndike,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Somerndike:

Here is the story of my recent trip to Wales and visit to the Thornton Memorial Presbyterian Church and Mission there, as per your authorization. I have put it in a diary, or Day by Day, form, since I kept notes on the experiences as I went along. I hope you will be pleased with my account in this form. I shall also send along within a few days a set of about forty kodak pictures with their titles which I took along the way.

I had a great time, and was busy as I could be every hour while at Wales. Found things going finely, and Miss Stauffer is doing splendidly so far as I could judge, - and I had the best possible opportunity to observe and know. No person in the Congregation offered nor intimated to me in any way that she and her methods were misfitting in any manner. I'm all for her! Had the pleasure of moderating the Session Meeting in which we received her into Church Membership on the Saturday evening; then of Moderating the Congregational Meeting in which she was elected a Ruling Elder of that Church; ~~then~~ Sunday Noon; then on Sunday Night preceding the Communion Service I ordained and installed her as a Ruling Elder. All these ceremonies were said by me in English, and in Eskimo by the interpreters, Dwight Tevuk and Robert Mayo. Probably no other white person has ever been so ordained and installed to that worthy office anywhere. Should she decide to ask you to allow her to take her furlough this year- coming year- 1939- or when she does, or when you allow it- will you please inform me at earliest possible time so that this Presbytery can elect her to be our Commissioner to the General Assembly? I advised her to communicate with you now and ask to go out this coming spring- flying over here to Fairbanks, even at the extra expense of the plane service, and then proceed over the railroad and steamship lines the rest of the way. She would be obliged to start not later than May 1st- that she might make the connections through to Cleveland in time. I would like for her to go then and to be our Commissioner. That way the Gen. Assembly would bear most of her trip expenses. She, Miss Stauffer, said that should she go she would want to be back to Wales in early summer in time to be there when the ship arrives with her supplies. I'll leave all that matter with you, of course. Other items of my services and surveys over there will be found in my story day by day herewith. Some items I shall mention later.

Financial account of my expenses for the trip is this:

Received from Board of National Missions - \$200.00

Expended

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Expended

Airplane fare to Wales and return	-	\$160.00
Hotel- rooms- meals en route	- -	17.60
Help about home in my absence	- -	10.00
Kodak films and developing & printing		8.30
Boatmen at Koyuk- in emergency	-	3.50
Telegrams home occasioned by delays	-	2.25
Total	- -	<u>\$201.65</u>

Account balanced.

Thank you so much for sending me on this mission. I hope the way will be open and favorable for me to go again next summer or fall, and that my itinerary might include Gambell on St. Lawrence Island to visit Miss Ann Bannon. Shall have to go over there from Nome by one of the Government boats not later than early October. Delighted that I am able to serve the Board and the Fields and the faithful workers this way, or any way.

Kindest wishes and prayers for the Happy Season for you and all the friends of the Staff.

Yours cordially as ever,

John E. Youel.

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of November 15 to December 14, 1938

Beautiful winter weather with very little sub-zero temperature has been most favorable for all of our interests and activities in the field.

All departments of the Church have been busy in their respective lines of duty. Decided improvement is noted in the health situation of the children in the last month. Still many are absent from Sunday School because of the whooping-cough and its consequences.

The Ladies' Aid Society Bazaar was held on Nov. 19th- and was a great success. The members feel that their long continued efforts during the past year were well worth while and they are pleased with the income and patronage. They shall soon be ready to start laying plans for the project through the coming year.

Thanksgiving Day Services were held in this Church- a union service- which was very well attended and proved a rich uplift and blessing.

Most all through the month we have been making plans and beginning definite practices for the celebration of Christmas. Response is fairly good to date, and we shall expect to have a wonderful time over the Holidays and hold it as much as possible along the faithful lines by the lessons of the Scriptures regarding the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

Our whole Program is definitely along lines of revival and evangelism. So shall we continue right through the winter up to and past Easter.

We shall be doing our very best work all of the time,- and we know that your prayers and constant support are giving us strength and encouragement to keep going loyally for Christ and the Kingdom of God.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1938

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Meditation, Op. 30 - - - - - Conte
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 10: The Word of God
Hymn No. 184: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Romans 1:1-17
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Sundown - - - - - Federer
Anthem, or Other Number by the Choir - - - - - Selected
Sermon: Epistle of Paul to the Romans- The Righteousness of God
Hymn No. 157: My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Rondo - - - - - Haydn-

---Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Meeting for All Young People---

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude: - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise with Request Numbers
Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 21:33-44
Offering
Offertory: - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: Hear Another Parable-- The Wicked Husbandmen
Song No. 297: God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Prayer and Benediction

S.S. FINAL PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS in the Church Wednesday at 3:30.

THE CHOIR meeting for rehearsal of Christmas Music Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00. Every Member please be as promptly on time as possible.

TREE & TREAT COMMITTEES will be working all Wednesday Evening in Young Memorial Hall. Volunteers will be Welcome.

THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & CHRISTMAS TREE- Big Event of the Sunday School Year- will be held Friday Evening beginning at 7:00 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Church. Tree and Treat and Frolic with Santa Claus in Young Memorial Hall. Everybody will be Welcome.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 on Sundays.

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CHRISTIAN PERSONS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS CHURCH CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEARS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1938

Christmas Service of Music at Eleven

Piano Prelude: A Christmas Carol - - - - - Lieber-Mien
Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful - - - From 18th Century
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.19: Looking for the King
Hymn No.22: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing - - - Mendelssohn
Scripture: Luke 2:8-20
Pastoral Prayer
Invitation for Baptism and Profession of Faith
Offering
Offertory Music: Silent Night 'Transcribed by Kohlmann) - Gruber
Program of Christmas Music
Mr. F. B. Koschmann, Director, Mrs. Obert J. Reinseth Pianist
Choir: (a capella)
1. Joy to the World! The Lord is Come - - - - - Handel
2. O Little Town of Bethlehem - - - - - Redner
Soprano Solo: The Holy Mother Sings (Traditional Melody) - McKinney
Miss Anabeth Rennie
Choir:
1. No-el - - - - - Bowers
2. Singing of Him - - - - - Wilson
Women's Sextette:
Angels O'er the Fields (Old French Carol) - Arranged by Manney
Baritone Solo: The King of the Earth - - - - - Pinsuti
Mr. John Simpson
Choir:
1. The First Christmas Morn - - - - - Ashford
2. The Song and the Star - - - - - Hine
Benediction
Choral Response: Silent Night! Holy Night! - - - - - Gruber
Recessional
Piano Postlude: March of the Wise Men - - - - - Hosmer

MINISTER-- John E. Youel
CHORISTER-- Mr. F. B. Koschmann
PIANIST-- Mrs. Obert J. Reinseth

CHOIR:

Soprano-- Miss Eleanor Lyman, Miss Anabeth Rennie, Mrs. Willard C. Ross.
Mrs. Fritz Wien.
Alto-- Mrs. Bernard Carr, Mrs. Edby Davis, Mrs. Fred Hanson, Miss Genevieve
Hautala, Miss Leona Hukee, Mrs. Roy Lund, Mrs. Leonard Thompson.
Tenor-- Dekoven Brown, Olan Harvie, Chester Moyer.
Bass-- Roy Lund, Willard C. Ross, John Simpson, Einar A. Tonseth.

GREETING AND PRAYER FOR YOU

May Your Vision and Self-Possession be such
as will bring Contentment of Mind, Peace of
Soul, and radiant Good Cheer, however Busy
you may be in the varied sphere of Life's
Daily Tasks; and, as the Shadows Fall, may
you calmly Reflect, and sweetly Rest.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Youel

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: The New Year is Coming In - - - - Steere
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.29: The New Year
Hymn No.110: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-31
Congregational Response No.165: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: At Dawn - - - - De Leone
Music by the Choir - - - - Selected
Sermon: First Epistle to the Corinthians- Our Year Text- I Cor.12:27
"Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof"
Hymn No.245: We Have Heard the Joyful Sound
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: In Old Vienna - - - - Arranged by Farr

AT FOUR P.M. Confirmation Class for Children and Youth. Parents, observe.

AT SIX THIRTY P.M. Christian Endeavor. Young People will meet this Hour.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude: - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise appropriate to the New Year
Prayer
Scripture: Luke 14:15-24
Offering
Offertory: - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: Making Light of the Kingdom of God- a Parable Lesson
Song No.292: Sweeter As the Years Go By
Prayer and Benediction

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH- Junior Choir- will meet Wednesday Eve. at 7:00.

THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30.

GENERAL MEETING OF LADIES' AID will be held Thursday P.M. at 2:00 in Young Memorial Hall. All Ladies are urgently invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for regular rehearsals Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 on Sundays.

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RESOLVE TO DO YOUR BEST FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH THROUGH THE YEAR 1939

Jan.
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Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

[1939]

Dear Mr. Youel:

I have your letter of December 14th, containing your very interesting report of your trip to Wales. I am taking the trouble to send Dr. Condit, who severely criticized Miss Stauffer on the basis of reports received by him from persons whose motives I fear were not of the best, quoting some of the nice things you have said in your letter about Miss Stauffer.

Miss Stauffer began her work at Wales in 1934 and she is entitled to come out in the summer of 1939. If your Presbytery will elect her as your lay commissioner to the General Assembly and elect Mr. Klerakoper as the ministerial commissioner, everything will work out quite satisfactorily. The reason I suggest electing Mr. Klerakoper as the ministerial commissioner is because he is very anxious to come out next year on his furlough. He was not in Skagway long enough to take advantage of a furlough, and the length of his combined service at Skagway and at Barrow is now five years. He is really entitled to a furlough in 1939.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Snowbirds, Op. 26, No. 3 - - - - - Burleigh
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 22: The Last Supper
Hymn No. 64: In the Cross of Christ I Glory
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Invitation for Baptism of Children and Reception of Members
Offering (Plate offering devoted to Deacons' Fund)
Offertory: A Dream Song - - - - - Leonard
Baritone Solo: O Rest in the Lord (From "Elijah") - - - Mendelssohn
Mr. F. B. Koschmann
Sermon: The Message of Second Corinthians-- Constraining Love of Christ
Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
Hymn No. 62: Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: 'Tis Raining - - - - - Grunn

Confirmation Classes- at Four for Children- at Four Thirty for Youth.

Christian Endeavor- at Six Thirty. Expression Meeting for Young People.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude: - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Luke 18:1-8
Offering
Offertory: - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: A Distressed Widow Pleading in the Court of a Wicked Judge
Song No. 205: Lord Jesus, I Long To Be Perfectly Whole
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH- Junior Choir- will meet Wednesday Eve. at 7:00.

THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for practice Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 A.M. Sundays.

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MEMBERS SHOULD BE REGULAR IN THEIR SEATS AS IS THE PASTOR IN HIS PULPIT

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of December 15 to January 14, 1939

This date indicates that we are now within the very center of our long winter. The sun is several weeks on its way back north- and now the days are growing noticeably longer. Not much sunshine yet, however. Probably the coldest part of the winter is yet before us. Outdoor activities are fairly pleasant and the people of the community are busy with their many interests and recreations are maintained adequately for the pleasure and contentment of all ages and classes of the residents.

Health conditions are now better than at any time during the past several months. So far there has been very little serious sickness and there is less hospitalization than usual at this time of the year. Attendance in the various services and sessions of the organizations of the Church continues very satisfactory and encouraging.

Our Christmas observances were very complete and delightful. Never better. Since Christmas and New Years Days fell on Sunday this time we found that that fact was an adverse element rather than favorable, because the families were up late the previous evenings, so did not get out and around to attend the services and Sunday Schools at the Church. Children were too happy and active with their gifts and play to come to the Church for the things that seemed to them rather common-place. We had counted on having average attendances on those days. We know better now, -and shall hope for the real Holidays to be on other days than Sunday. All are coming along very well again. The special programs were nicely supported and carried through. The beautiful Scripture lessons were given strong emphasis and seemed to be effective to all who gave attention to them.

We are spending much time calling and visiting among the people of the community and congregation in their homes this winter. It has always been our policy and practice to do this kind of work, but we are doing it somewhat more aggressively this year than previously. There is good evidence that it pays well to do this kind of thing. We shall drive along with it the best we can right through the year. Much physical weariness besets us in this connection, but our reaction is excellent while we are blessed with good health and greatly enjoy our people in this field of service.

Never before have I enjoyed preaching the Gospel as much as this winter. I sometimes wish that my life expectancy might be twice as long so that I could still hope to live and work in Alaska all the way through this Century. Seems like I am just beginning to know and understand the best way of meeting the people and doing the work. It is true that "Man proposes but God disposes." His way and time are always the best. Quite a number of years for service are likely before me still here and elsewhere. So I do hope and trust!

Strong in the faith we are pressing on in our labors for the promotion of the Kingdom of God in our part of the wide Field. Pray for us.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Chaconne, No. 2 - - - - - Handel
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 11: True Wisdom
Hymn No. 143: The Morning Light Is Breaking
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Galatians 5
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: To a Vanishing Race, Op. 47, No. 2 - - - - - Cadman
Chorale: Fairest Lord Jesus - - - - - Silesian Folk-Song
Sermon: The Letter to the Galatians-- a Charter of Spiritual Liberty
Hymn No. 242: Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: A Fountain Set in Flowers, Op. 89 - - - - - Weissheyer

Confirmation Classes- at Four for Children- at Four Thirty for Youth.

Christian Endeavor- at Six Thirty. Discussion Meeting for Young People.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude: - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Luke 18:9-14
Offering
Offertory: - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: Men in the Temple Praying-- Another Great Parable
Song No. 160: I Hear Thy Welcome Voice
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH- Junior Choir- will practice Wednesday at 7:00.

THE CONGREGATION'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30.

LADIES' AID CIRCLES will meet Thursday P.M. at 2:00: East Side with Mrs. Reinseth, 523 Tenth; West Side with Mrs. Hanson, 925 Sixth. All are invited

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30.

A COOKED FOOD SALE will be held by the Ladies' Aid next Saturday beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Nerland's Store. Donations are urgently solicited.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 A.M. Sundays.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR is published Weekly presenting our important Program

Jan.
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Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Miss Stauffer writes me that for good reasons she does not want to come out this year and would prefer not to have any arrangements made to elect her as a commissioner to the General Assembly. Since Mr. Klerekoper is coming out this year and also Miss Bannan, I think that it is best for Miss Stauffer not to come.

I hope that Mr. Klerekoper will be elected your ministerial commissioner in order to save some money for the Board. I am sure your Presbytery will be glad to cooperate in this way.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Nocturne, Op. 55, No. 1 - - - - - Chopin
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 13: The Memory*Book of God's Heroes
Hymn No. 110: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Ephesians 1
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Night Song - - - - - Strickland
Quartet: Sundown (Londonderry Air) - - - - - Arranged by Wilson
Miss Rennie, Miss Hukee, Mr. Moyer, Mr. Koschmann
Sermon: The Letter to the Ephesians-- Unity of the Church in Christ
Hymn No. 114: The Church's One Foundation
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: From the Land of Flowers - - - - - Cadman

Confirmation Classes- at Four for Children- at Four Thirty for Youth.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Meeting of the Young People.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Luke 19:11-27
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: Parable of the Pounds-- Use or Neglect of Gospel Privileges
Song no. 156: O Jesus, Thou Art Standing
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

"TODAY" - A Monthly Publication for Daily Devotional Use is available for those who have been getting it in the past. January copies came in late.

THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30. COME.

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH- Junior Choir- will practice Thursday Night at 7:00

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School is in session at 10:00 on Sundays.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Pensée a la Nuit, Op. 107, No. 3 - - - Schuett
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 14: The Blessedness of God's Kingdom
Hymn No. 80: Crown Him With Many Crowns
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Philippians 1
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Sarabande - - - - - Bach
Anthem: My Shepherd - - - - - Lane
Sermon: Philippians-- a Letter of Gratitude and Love
Hymn No. 183: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Postlude, Op. 661 - - - - - Kern

Confirmation Classes at Four. Parents may well Support this good Plan.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Will the Youth of Today be Faithful?

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: A Parable of Future Judgment
Song No. 205: Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

CONGREGATION'S PRAYER MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30. Through the rest of the winter it will have the form of a Visitation and Fellowship Meeting among the homes of the Congregation. This week we shall be at The Manse. Invitations are solicited for the future meetings.

LADIES' AID will hold the General Meeting in the Church Thursday at 2:00

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH- Junior Choir- will practice Thursday Night- 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Souvenir	- - - - -	Drdla
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading No.15: God's Invitations		
Hymn No.81: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name		
The Apostles' Creed		
Scripture: Colossians 1		
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory: Largo	- - - - -	Handel
Hymn Anthem: Only Our Blessed Lord	- - - - -	Tempest
Sermon: Letter to the Colossians-- Christ Is All and in All		
Hymn No.234: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus		
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace		
Piano Postlude: Allegretto	- - - - -	Haydn

Confirmation Classes at Four. Training for Membership in the Church.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Topical Discussion by the Young Folks

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude	- - - - -	Selected
Songs of Praise		
Prayer		
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17		
Offering		
Offertory	- - - - -	Selected
Music or Song		
Sermon: The Christian-- One Whose Life Is Hid With Christ in God		
Song No.154: I Gave My Life for Thee		
Prayer and Benediction		"God be with you till we meet again"

FELLOWSHIP AND VISITATION MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in the Homes of the Congregation. This week we shall meet with Mr. and Mrs. L.E.Judd, Cushman Street. Invitations for future meetings are solicited.

LADIES' AID FOOD EXCHANGE- During February Mrs. Eddy Davis will list persons and their offers of donations of Cooked Food and will take orders for such that may be desired, allowing a day or so for filling them

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Night at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for rehearsal Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 every Sunday.

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Rev. John Elton Youel
Fairbanks
Alaska

February 8, 1939

Rev. John Elton Youel was born in Shellsburg, Benton County, Iowa

He is married and has a son aged 29 - Harlan Ernest Youel.

Mr. Youel received his A.B. degree from Coe College in 1901;- he also attended Omaha Theological Seminary, graduating in 1904.

He was ordained by Sioux City Presbytery in 1904.

Mr. Youel held the following positions previous to his becoming a missionary :-

Wall Lake, Iowa - Pastor	from May, 1904	to	June 1906	
Ireton, Iowa - Pastor	from June 1906	to	Sept. 1908	
Union, Oregon - Stated Supply	from Sept. 1908	to	June, 1910	2 yrs 24 mos
Pastor-Evangelist - Grande Ronde Pendleton Presbyteries	two years			
Wallowa, Oregon S.S. Portland, Oreg. Pastor	from April 1912	to	1915	
Tillamook, Oregon Pastor	from June 1915	to	August, 1917	
U.S. World War Service - Military	from August, 1917	to	April, 1919	- 2 yrs
Tacoma, Washington - Assistant Pastor	from April, 1919	to	April, 1922	
Dallas, Oregon, Pastor	from April, 1922	to	November 1925	
Anchorage, Alaska, Pastor	from Nov. 1925	to	May, 1928.	16 yrs 2m

Mr. Youel started on his present field in May, 1928.

When asked "What led you to become a missionary," Mr. Youel replied:

"Christian home, family, and church atmosphere, training, and associations, all together were effective in influencing me to devote my life to church and missionary work. Born and reared on a farm with very limited and modest opportunities, one of a family of 12 children of my father, the problem of gaining a college and seminary education was obviously impossible of solution for several years after I felt the "call" to the Christian ministry and missionary work. Then, the way began to open before me - though it was by a trying and severe route - after I was nearly 21 years of age. I had taken all the studies offered in the Country District School. Now it became my privilege to enter College - by working practically my whole way for my living and expenses thru six years. Same for three years in the Seminary. I have never doubted the leading of the Spirit - and am now serving my 35th year of missionary work."

Following is a brief description of Mr. Youel's present field:

"Fairbanks - in the interior of the Territory of Alaska. This is the principal center for all of the commercial, industrial, judicial, educational, and religious interests and activities of the main part of the Territory. It is 350 miles to the nearest town of comparative importance. The Alaska Railroad, Government owned and operated, has its northern terminus at Fairbanks. Several airplane companies and individuals operating commercially have their bases here, and are doing an immense amount of flying and remunerative business. Population within the town is nearly 3000. About 600 children and youth are enrolled as pupils and students in the public schools and the University of Alaska located here. It is mainly a gold mining area. Gold mining affords the chief source of the people's living and maintenance. The U.S. Smelting and Refining Co. employs many people in their mining activities and operations all about here."

The Federal Government, The Alaska Railroad, Alaska Road Commission, and merchandising firms are all employing numerous people, and the place is growing.

Churches are here - have been during the 35 years' history of the town. Fortunately there have not been too many until the last year or so. Several small bodies have recently come in with increased settlers and seekers after employment. Chief tasks : Making good use of our new Church Building - paying off the remaining small indebtedness, doing conservative Christian work - saving souls of men."

Record of Service for Rev. Mr. John E. Youel

Under BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

Union, Oregon (Stated Supply) 1 year 10 months
Grande Ronde & Pendleton Presbyteries
(Pastor- Evangelist) 2 years
Taxoma, Washington (Assistant Pastor) 3 years
Alaska - Yukon Presbytery 16 years 2 months (up to December
1, 1941)

22 years 12 months

Under PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wall Lake, Iowa (Pastor) 2 years 1 month
Ireton, Iowa " 2 years 3 months
Wallowa, Oregon S. S., Portland, Oregon 3 years 2 months
Tillamook, Oregon (Pastor) 2 years 2 months
Dallas, Oregon " 3 years 7 months

12 years 15 months

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Prelude in A-flat Major - - - - - Cui
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.16: The Two Ways of Life
Hymn No.252: He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: I Thessalonians 1
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Pastorale - - - - - Mozart
Anthem: Redemption - - - - - Suter
Sermon: First Thessalonians-- Faith in Christ and Hope in His Return
Hymn No.227: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Air a' la Bourrée - - - - - Handel

Confirmation Class at Four. Training for Membership in the Church.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Topical Discussion by the Young People

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Confession and Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: The Christian Pioneer
Song No.175: Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

FELLOWSHIP & VISITATION MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in the Homes of the Congregation. Invitations are cordially solicited.

FOOD EXCHANGE- During February Mrs.Edby Davis will list persons and offers of their donations of Cooked Food and will take orders for such as may be desired- allowing a day or two for filling them. Want something?

LADIES' AID CIRCLES will meet Thursday at 2:00 P.M.: East Side with Mrs. Youel at The Manse; West Side with Mrs.Charles Burnett, A.R.R.Dormitory.

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Night at 7:00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR rehearsals are on Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH is open Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A.M. every Sunday

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of January 15 to February 14, 1939

We are finding ourselves pressing along with time toward the close of another long, long Winter. The days are lengthening with the return of the sun northward. What a blessed relief it is! Dwelling and working under artificial light for so long is greatly depressing to our spirits and the general morale of society. But our Winter has been exceptionally pleasant and favorable for all of the work we have had to do.

The general health of the people of the community continues very good.

Attendance upon the services of the Church and Sunday School has been fairly good. Some counteracting influences have made the work much more difficult in certain particulars, but in the main we have had much to please and encourage us. Never are we quite satisfied nor can we expect to be. The tide of worldliness sweeps violently on and gathers within its power many of our people of all ages. Money for commercialized entertainment and for publicity purposes for such things seems to be at hand always. As a Church we cannot hope to maintain a position of competition with the institutions and organizations which make so much of pleasurable activities. They have their appeal to many in the way that draws and holds in this country. However, we are never letting down on our efforts to promote our programs and offers of personal and household salvation and righteousness. What would be the situation and the character of the place if we were not right here all of the time busily doing our best to serve and glorify the Lord?

Never have we taken more pleasure in teaching and preaching the Word.

We still have some very good and faithful people who are helping us.

There are constantly many calls for our services in various ways in the town and community. Pleasure is taken in the response to these opportunities for doing the work of the ministry in this important day. "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak" too often. But we are believing that it is no disgrace to become tired physically while engaged in doing the necessary work. In this Church the Minister is the janitor, and that means he has to shovel many tons of coal through the year. This work is assumed by him in order to save the congregation a much larger expense-budget bill. The job weighs heavily by the time the Winter is over. Reaction is always fine and adequate.

I prepare and print by mimeograph our Church Calendars every week. They seem to add somewhat to the good character and dignity of our ministry. Copies of these for the entire Month are submitted to the Board of National Missions as a part of the Monthly Narrative. They demonstrate our continuous Program.

Much is in our plans for the weeks ahead. Looking forward to Easter we are doing several appropriate things: Visiting, teaching and preaching evangelistically, holding a Communicants or Confirmation Class, membership and attendance contests in the Sunday School, urging and keeping records of children for attendance in the Church services, Social and Recreational Center for Youth every Saturday night in the Y.M.Hall of the Church, promoting special music and activity by two Choirs all the way through.

Again we say: Strong in the faith we are pressing on in our labors for the promotion of the Kingdom of God in our part of the wide Field. It is all white unto the harvest. Pray for us.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Well Tempered Clavichord - - - - - Bach
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.17: The Returning Son
Hymn No.118: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: II Thessalonians 3
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Chanson d'enfant - - - - - Guilmant
Anthem: Turn unto Me - - - - - Suter
Sermon: Second Thessalonians-- Glory in the Name and the Word
Hymn No.231: I Love to Tell the Story
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Etude in B Minor - - - - - Neupert

Confirmation Class at Four. Enrolling and Training for Church Membership

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. This is the Young Peoples' Hour.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Confession and Praise
Prayer
Scripture: Mark 10:32-45
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: Our Heroes and the Hero of the Ages
Song No.86: Praise Him, Praise Him!
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

VISITATION & FELLOWSHIP MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in the Homes of the Congregation. Invitations are solicited. Join us in Prayer.

FOOD EXCHANGE- During this Month the Ladies' Aid is following this plan. Offers of Donations of Cooked Food may be made to Mrs. Edby Davis and she will take orders for deliveries within a day or two. Patronize them.

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Nights at 7:00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR rehearsals are held on Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH in Y.M. Hall Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A.M. every Sunday

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Romance, Op. 5 - - - - - Tschaikowsky
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 1: The Joy of Worship
Hymn No. 247: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: I Timothy 6
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Folk Song, Op. 7, No. 2 - - - - - Torjusson
Anthem: Seek Ye the Lord - - - - - Fuller
Sermon: First Timothy-- Church Orders for Teaching the Gospel Truth
Hymn No. 124: The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Narcissus, Op. 13, No. 4 - - - - - Nevin

Confirmation Class at Four. Enrolling and Training for Church Membership

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Here is a Field of Activity for Youth.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise
Prayer
Scripture: I Timothy 1:12-20
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: "Holding Faith and a Good Conscience"
Song No. 160: I Hear Thy Welcome Voice
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

VISITATION & FELLOWSHIP MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in the Homes of the Congregation. This week we meet with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Judd.

LADIES' AID MEETING will be held in Y. M. Hall Thursday at 2:00.

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Nights at 7:00.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR rehearsals are held on Thursday Nights at 7:30.

BETHANY BIBLE CLASS MEETING Friday Night with Mrs. Florence Judd.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH in Y. M. Hall Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A. M. every Sunday

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First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

February 28, 1938

Mr. John M. Somerndike,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike:

Last fall you suggested to me that I should make a visit to Nenana and confer with Mr. Frank O Robinson relative to some improvements that might be made on our Church building there. Two principal things have caused me to delay that trip and visit, viz.: Mr. Robinson has been spending most of the time at McKinley Park in his electrical line of work for the past year, so it is uncertain when I can catch him at Nenana; the other reason for the delay is, that the trains all fall and winter have been running on such schedules, and irregularly some of the time, that I would necessarily be away from my Sunday appointments here over ~~a~~ one week. I don't want to do that if I can help it, so have been waiting for a convenient chance for a shorter time for the visit there.

Thank you for the word about the docketing of the amount for my salary by the Board corresponding to that of the Church's part here making up the salary basis as I understood it to be for this year.

We shall not be holding our Stated Meeting of Presbytery until early in May that we might save expenses for transportation. It will then be held at Cordova. It has been understood that Mr. McAdoo of Anchorage is to be our Ministerial Commissioner to the next General Assembly, and that an Elder of the Cordova- First Church will be the Elder Commissioner. We have our Standing Rules which determine this order of rotation. Mr. Klerekoper will not come in for his turn to represent Presbytery until 1942. I know that Mr. McAdoo has been planning for this trip and service in the Assembly for a long time. In that order he was elected our Alternate a year ago. I hope that Mr. Klerekoper will be content to stay in and on his field until his natural turn to go out in consequence of four or five years of service in the Presbytery. Sorry if he is going out for furlough this year- considering the great cost to the Board that would be necessary. Were he to be in Cleveland this spring for the Assembly he would be obliged to come at least to Fairbanks by plane. Anyway we have our commissioners selected for this year. Stated Clerk writes me that their names have gone forward to the Office of the General Assembly.

I am inclosing an interesting letter which I received last year in the summer sometime from Licentiate Andrew Akootchook over on the Arctic. Have intended to send it to you earlier but overlooked it when writing.

Yours cordially,

John E. Youel

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: The Lark's Song - - - - - Tschaikowsky
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.2: The God of Nature
Hymn No.119: Onward, Christian Soldiers
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: II Timothy 4:1-8
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Reverie - - - - - Preston
Anthem: Come and Worship the Lord - - - - - Schoebel
Sermon: Second Timothy-- A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ
Hymn No.234: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (1st tune)
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Etincelles, Op.36, No.6 - - - - - Moszkowski

Confirmation Class at Four. Enlist and Train for Church Membership.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Youth find Opportunities for Service.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise
Prayer
Scripture: II Timothy 1
Offering
Offertory -- - - - - Selected
Music or Song
Sermon: The Certainty of a Personal God and Saviour
Song No.259: O Jesus, I Have Promised
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

VISITATION & FELLOWSHIP MEETING is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in the Homes of the Congregation- depending upon reception of Invitations.

THE EASTER CHOIR will hold its rehearsal Tuesday Night Only this week. The Hour is 7:30. All who wish to sing this music are invited to come.

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH will not practice this week because of the opening of the Ice Carnival Thursday Night.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH in Y.M.Hall Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A.M. every Week.

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ALWAYS WHEN CHRISTIANITY HAS SEEMED SPENT IT HAS BURST FORTH WITH POWER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Impromptu - - - - - Strickland
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 3: God the Ruler of the World
Hymn No. 109: Come, Thou Almighty King
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture
Baritone Solo: O Rest in the Lord - - - - - Mendelssohn
Mr. F. B. Koschmann
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Song of Spring - - - - - Henselt
Anthem: Only Our Blessed Lord - - - - - Tempest
Sermon: By the Reverend Bert J. Bingle of Palmer, Alaska
Hymn No. 175: Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Souvenir of Antwerp - - - - - Owens

Confirmation Class at Four. Enlist and Train for Church Membership.

Christian Endeavor- Meeting of the Youth- will not be held Today.

The Usual Evening Service will not be held Tonight.

Communion and the Reception of New Members will be on April 2, Palm Sunday, at the Morning Church Service. Those desiring to unite with the Church by letter, confession of faith, or by renewal of covenant, will please communicate with the Pastor as early as possible. All Members will please be faithful about inviting others to come into our Fellowship. Someone is waiting for a word of encouragement from YOU.

THE EASTER CHOIR will hold its rehearsals both Tuesday and Thursday Evenings at 7:30. All who will faithfully come to sing are desired now.

VISITATION & FELLOWSHIP SERVICE is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in the Homes of the Congregation- when and where invitations are offered.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH meets for practice at 7:00 on Thursday Nights

LADIES' AID CIRCLES have postponed meeting until next Week.

SOCIAL CENTER FOR YOUTH in Y.M. Hall Saturday Nights from 7:00 to 10:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A.M. every Week.

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ONLY FOUR WEEKS UNTIL EASTER! FAIL NOT TO ACCEPT CHRIST AND CONFESS HIM

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of February 15 to March 14, 1939

It is Report time again- how the weeks go by! We had thought the Winter was about all past last Month, but it still holds on. Zero weather and the snow and ice is as deep and thick and tight as at any time the past six months. The break will be certain to come very soon. Regardless of the cold we are going right along with our full program around the Church and Community.

Attendance and interest are keeping up very well and we are encouraged.

While this is being written the large Choir is practicing the Cantata which they will offer for the Easter Sunday Service of Music. It promises to be a beautiful production and I am sure that our singers will do their parts excellently. We are very proud of them all.

In every way we are busy all of the time,- and the obligations and urge upon us increases as we are coming nearer to Easter. How we are working and hoping to realize the most profitable and spiritual Easter Season that we have ever known with this Church and Congregation. God grant it!

Much visiting is being done through these important weeks. People very kindly receive us in their homes. Would that they all were habitual attendants in the services of the Church. Too few in this country are disposed to give the Church and its claims a fair measure of attention. And, since that is true, the spirituality of most of them is not strong nor warm in their lives. Here is our work every day and hour!

Other things are calling us now, so we must abbreviate our story somewhat this time, and hurry on to the next urgent appointment.

Brethren and friends at Headquarters and in the States, please pray for us that we may do our full part all the way.

"The Lord watch between us, while we are absent one from another."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

March 18, 1939

Dr. John M. Somerndike,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike:

*Sent 3/15 via
Mr. J. Somerndike*

We are very much in earnest about this Communication to the Board, and we shall be very much disappointed if it is not given early consideration. We pray for favorable action along the lines suggested, or better ones, as we know that the Board is capable of doing. How I should like to be with you and talk over some of these matters fully as they appear to me now. They are really very serious. This is a time in Alaska when we MUST GO FORWARD or else come to realize ere long that we have nearly lost all or the most of that we have gained and held through investments and work over the last forty years in the main portion of the Territory. The U. S. Government is planning to spend millions of dollars which will be the occasion of the moving in of thousands of people up this way within the next few years. We must be prepared to hold our own and make decided advancements all along the front line of operations.

Please do not withhold a grant of funds sufficient for the travelling expenses of the family of the Rev. William McAdoo this spring making possible their visit to the States in company with him as he will be our General Assembly Commissioner. They sorely need and deserve the vacation and change of atmosphere for a few weeks. I know that their trials are not easy to bear. Cheer them.

And now I want to say a few things for myself, only briefly in this letter. I am rather planning to be closing my work and relations with this Church and Field next fall- probably about October 1st. I shall reach the age of 65 on next Sept. 13th, and on next Oct. 5th I shall have been in the ordained ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. for 35 years. My Service Pension will fall due then; but I have no desire nor intention of retiring. I want to keep on working under, or in connection with, our Board of National Missions for five years longer after next fall, preferably IN ALASKA, or in the interests and for the support and promotion of the cause of our Church in Alaska. I believe that I am well fitted and adapted to do the job of either one of the proposed "General Field Missionary", with the white people on this side, or with the Eskimos in the Bering Sea and Arctic areas. Bert J. Bingle was very insistent that I should be recommended for that kind of position in our Communication herewith submitted, but I preferred to mention these things to you myself. I am now serving my fourteenth year in S. W. and Interior Alaska, and have been over among the Eskimos for two visits. -- What do you think about it? Perhaps you would have some other plan for me. I am in good health.

Yours cordially,

John E. Youel

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

by the

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL MISSIONS- PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

The Committee met at Fairbanks, Alaska, March 11, 1939. Matters of extreme immediate concern were considered, as follows:

I. Growth of the Field.

1. Field is growing by people moving permanently into the Territory.
2. Independent religious groups and agencies entering the field and beginning work,- to some extent succeeding in their purposes.
3. Present established Churches showing interest and cast wistful eyes in areas and communities not previously entered by them and outside of their allocated territory.
4. Field of work in general so attractive and accessible that we now assert that no two fields occupied by the Presbyterian Church should be permitted to fall vacant at the same time, and no field should be left without adequate ministerial leadership while the permanent pastor or commissioned leader and worker is on vacation, furlough, or in attendance upon the General Assembly.

We therefore beg to submit the following as a suggested program and policy of operations by the Board of National Missions effective in the Presbytery of Yukon:

II. Specified Suggestions.

1. Work in the Arctic and Eskimo Area.

a. Beginning in 1939 a plan of rotation be set up for Missionaries going on furlough. 1939 1940

b. Furloughs to follow this order, if possible: Missionary of Barrow field- falling due in 1939; Wales- 1940; Wainwright- 1941; St. Lawrence Island- 1942; General Missionary- 1943.

c. We are hereby asking the Board to select and commission, in the summer of 1939, a competent and experienced man as General Missionary for full time service in the Arctic areas, and that he be authorized to be the substitute, or ad interim pastor, to be in charge of the respective fields in rotation when the regular Pastor and Missionary must be absent in the States.

d. Knowing that official representatives of other religious bodies and communions have recently visited along the Arctic Coast where our Missions are being maintained, viz., Barrow, Wainwright, and Wales, and are obviously interested in moving in those directions, this Committee offers its vigorous protest against at any considerable time leaving any one of those important fields in the hands of an Eskimo, neither licensed nor ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., certainly not during the long time that the Missionary must be absent from his or her field while on a visit to the States for any purpose.

2. Work along the Alaska Railroad, the Interior, and in S.W. Alaska.

As stated above, under I. 1, 2, and 3, it is vitally the case in this section of our Presbytery's area as well, we also submit the following:

We urgently ask the Board of National Missions to make provision for, select, and commission a person to serve as the General Field Missionary in the Interior and South-western Alaska, beginning not later than the summer of 1940. We would expect this proposed General Field Missionary to be available to act as substitute pastor for the Missionary and Pastor each year during the time he must be absent from his Church and field in attendance upon General Assembly, Synod, or on furlough. Also, in the case of a vacancy occasioned by the change of pastors he would serve as temporary supply for the pulpit.

III. Since we have in the Presbytery the rotary system of ministers representing the Presbytery as Commissioners to the General Assembly, we ask the Board to make a grant of an amount of money for travelling expenses for the ministers family to and from the States proportionate to the time usually allowed for the five-year furlough period in case the minister is elected to be such Commissioner earlier than five years after he last served in that capacity.

--- To illustrate with a case in point: Rev. William A. McAdoo of Anchorage has been selected to represent Presbytery in General Assembly in 1939; he has been in the service within the bounds of the Presbytery, and a member of the Presbytery, for about four years; therefore, he should be able and entitled to expect that four-fifths of the amount for the transportation expenses of his family to and from the States will be provided by the Board of National Missions, in consideration of missionary furlough rights and privileges.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. B.J. Bungle

John E. Gould
Chairman

National Missions Com.
Presbytery of Yukon

Fairbanks, Alaska,

March 14, 1939

Dr. Smendulis:
 This is cont. from Presy.
 Spalovich letter received
 a few weeks ago directed to me
 personally. I want you to have this
 explained with the
 checks
 herewith -
 Payment

First of all, concerning the enclosed check amounting to \$42.25. This is the amount I have been able to collect for subscription on the basis of Every Member Canvass within the Wainwright Presbyterian Church for the year ending October 1, 1938. The amount subscribed for, as per the application blank I had sent you last year, was \$54.50. The amount collected to date is as follows:

Cash Collected	\$27.75
Native Products most of which is seal skin, valued	14.50
Total	\$42.25 ✓
Deficit	12.25

The contributors at the time of their subscription had anticipated on a good year of trapping which proved to be the contrary. In spite of difficulties a better side to contribution was set before the congregation, if they would not try to meet the situation with native products such as seal-skin. They responded readily, and altho' we are not able to fill the subscription in full, we are very happy to submit the amount enclosed as our contribution to the work of the Kingdom of God thro' the Presbyterian Church. If able, we might be able to meet the deficit but with the local situation financially, it is hard telling when that may be,

March 24, 1939.

Rev. John E. Youel,
First Presbyterian Church,
Fairbanks,
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Youel:-

There has just come to my desk a letter with which I am at a loss to know how to deal. It concerns the work of Rev. Mr. McAdoo of Anchorage.

I know that Dr. Somerndike was aware of some dissatisfaction on the part of certain members of the Anchorage Church with the services of Mr. McAdoo. He had had some correspondence with Mr. McAdoo about it. I do not believe that he regarded it as serious. So far as I know he had every confidence in Mr. McAdoo but in one of his letters he referred particularly to the attitude of Mr. Atwood, the Editor and Manager of the newspaper at Anchorage.

In December Mr. Atwood wrote a long and somewhat rambling letter to an aunt of his who lives in the states and who has been personally acquainted with the President of this Board. In this letter he recites a long series of instances, most of them of a rather minor character, which he thinks have destroyed Mr. McAdoo's influence and killed his chances of building up a church. I would infer from the letter that Mr. Atwood had had a personal conference with Dr. Somerndike about this last year.

I do not know whether you are personally familiar with the situation in Anchorage. It seemed to me, however, that I should ask you, as Chairman of the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery, to make a discreet investigation in whatever way may seem to you possible and appropriate and to report to me concerning the situation. I hesitate to write directly to Mr. McAdoo in such a matter although I will probably have an opportunity to have a talk with him at the time of the General Assembly if he is to be a Commissioner. In the meantime, except for this letter to you, I shall hold the matter as confidential. Unfortunately, this letter reach us just after Dr. Somerndike had passed away so that there was no opportunity to discuss it with him.

Very cordially yours,

H. N. MORSE
Administrative Secretary

Mar.
27th
1939

Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

No doubt you were stunned by the news of Dr. Somerndike's sudden death. His passing has left a deep void in our work and in our hearts, but we are bravely trying to carry on as we know he would want us to do.

Simultaneously with your letter of February 28th came a letter from Mr. McAdoo with reference to his attendance at the General Assembly, and inquiring with reference to his furlough privileges. I have written him as follows:-

"I have consulted with Dr. Morse with reference to your letter of March 10th. He advises me to say that while you are not technically eligible for your furlough privileges until October 1939 - or five years after your appointment in Alaska - he is willing to waive that requirement of the Board in order that you may take your furlough when you come out to the General Assembly in Cleveland in May and in order to conform to the rule of the Board "that so far as practicable such furlough be taken in the year in which the missionary is elected as a commissioner to the General Assembly".

"As a commissioner to the General Assembly, your expenses are paid by the Assembly. The Board will pay the expenses of Mrs. McAdoo and your children from Anchorage to Seattle and return. If you should require an advance for these expenses, kindly let me know and I shall be glad to send it to you. You are entitled to boat fare, berth, meals, and transfer of baggage. Of course it will be understood that if you return to Anchorage you will not be entitled to another furlough for five years."

Of course, if Mr. McAdoo could be persuaded to postpone his furlough for another year, it would mean quite a financial saving to the Board. I wonder whether you might possibly work this out. The arrangements with Mr. Klerekoper have gone too far to be changed at this late date. Dr. Somerndike was making an exception in his case so that he and Mrs. Klerekoper could enjoy their furlough with Mrs. Klerekoper's parents who are missionaries in China and who are on sabbatical leave this year.

Very sincerely yours,

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First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

April 14, 1939

Dr. H. N. Morse,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Morse:

Thank you for the word in considerable detail of the passing of our beloved friend and Director, Dr. John M. Somerndike. It was a great shock to us all. We shall find it hard to do our work and live our lives without the constant realization of his counsel. Because we have had him and his seasoned judgment we are the better qualified to go on over the paths and about the fields of service. His memory will be most precious and an inspiration to us all.

You have written to me at a later date, March 24th, concerning the situation of the Rev. W.A. McAdoo and his Anchorage Church. I have known a great deal about the situation and the people there through many years. At your suggestion I shall make it a point to look into the present status there at Anchorage soon. Our Presbytery will be meeting at Cordova in about two weeks from now. It will be convenient and necessary for me to pass through Anchorage enroute to Cordova and also returning from Cordova to Fairbanks. In my capacity as Chairman of the N.M.Com, and upon your authorization from the Board, I shall carefully observe the case at Anchorage, help matters if possible, and write to you regarding my findings, etc., after my return.

Dr. Somerndike and I had talked over that problem at Anchorage, and he showed me his letter which he wrote to Mr. McAdoo around about June 15th last year, when I was with him there in New York. I had hoped that there would be no further trouble over the relations at Anchorage.

Thank you for the confidence in me, and I shall regard the matter in that way strictly. Trust me to do the best that I can.

Regarding the communication I had mailed to Dr. Somerndike about March 14th as from our Com. on National Missions: I sincerely hope that you can encourage the putting into effect as much of that which we proposed bearing on the operations in the Presbytery of Yukon as can be done. Hope we are not asking too much. We sincerely believed that Dr. Somerndike would give us his strong support as nearly as possible according to our plans and desires.

Faithfully yours,

John E. Youel

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of March 15 to April 14, 1939

There is much evidence of the arrival of Spring- though we have no green grass, flowers, nor the bobins as yet. Plenty will come soon. The snow and ice are much in evidence.

All of the activities of the Church continue. Easter is again past- and it was a great event with us all in the Church. Never before have we had as large attendance for the services. Interest and results have been gratifying. We shall do our very best to conserve and lead on to better things with the advantage we have gained.

Numerous details are crowding upon us just now- so that we cannot take time for a long story this time.

Reports from all of the Church and organizations showed that a good Year has been experienced along all lines. Some weak places have appeared,- and right there we shall try to make some adjustments and improvements.

The New Church Year has begun with much to give us encouragement.

How sad we all are because of the loss of our grand Director of National Missions, Dr. John M. Somerndike. He had come to understand us and our circumstances so well, and we were enjoying a great degree of mutual confidence. We thank God that he was with us and gave so freely of his counsel and wisdom for the past seven years. We shall be praying for his successor in office, that he may be chosen soon, and that our program shall continue to be constructive and the more blessed in consequence of the efficient service of our past devoted and able Directors and Secretaries at Headquarters.

So, we shall go on in our ministry following our Lord and Master.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of April 15 to May 14, 1939

Here we are into summer again- changes have come fast from snow and cold to the warmth and green array of the light season. We are glad.

The work in all departments of the Church is going on about the same. The University and Public Schools are closing this week, so we know that many of the people of the community will be scattering to various places and we shall not have them around in such numbers as through the winter months. There should be a lot of activity just the same as usual. Now we shall try to keep things going in the best possible way. The chief difficulty lies in the fact that some of our most efficient workers are teachers who will be going Outside during their vacation period.

I have been away to attend Presbytery at Anchorage and Palmer during the past month, -ten days were necessary for me to spend in that connection. Two days each way must be spent in travelling. Distances are very great in this country. The train stops over night en route. Very pleasant and good sessions of Presbytery were held and the fellowship with the other Brethren and numerous friends in the various places visited was most happy. All of us are the better prepared and cheered for going on with our respective jobs.

Three days were spent at Seward with workers and leaders of several other Church bodies in a United Protestant Conference. Matters of general concern were considered very much in detail and policies of co-operation were discussed and some good things were adopted. We believe that it is good to arrive at a state of mutual understanding and sympathetic acquaintance. It seems that our Christian Family in this part of Alaska has become enlarged and made the happier because of those three days spent together in prayerfully facing our problems in the fields and interchange of ideas in many ways. Mutual respect and love has become a blessed reality. Fruit of abounding proportions will surely be the consequence of this visit and others to come. So we shall pray.

A very heavy cold contracted on my trip and visit away from home has seriously been in my way for the past week or so. Have it going now- and am getting back to accustomed health and action. Work and fine opportunities are all around us and we are not proposing to slacken up our pushing and pulling at any time.

Our joy in service is constant and blessings are greater than ever. We shall be busy all of the time in our effort to give an account of our stewardship in this wide field of duty. Strong Christian testimony is the essential thing here unceasingly.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

May 19, 1939

Miss Helen E. Wolf,
Miss Blanche Hopp,
Unit of Alaska Work,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

I am not quite sure to whom I should address this letter, but I know it will not go wrong in your hands.

Upon my return from Anchorage and Palmer recently, where I was in attendance upon Presbytery and conferences, the following "RADIOGRAM" was here for my consideration. This was addressed to me and sent from Savoonga, Alaska, by Miss Ann Bannan of Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.

"JANUARY LETTER FROM SOMERNDIKE ADVISES ME TO WRITE YOU ABOUT COMING HERE STOP AROUND THREE HUNDRED WANT TO BE BAPTIZED STOP LAST OF MAY ASK HANS MIROW AT NOME TO NOTIFY YOU WHEN GOVERNMENT SHIP WILL ARRIVE THERE EARLY IN JUNE THEN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO COME ON IT IF BOARD AGREES"

"ANN BANNAN"

A year ago Dr. Somerndike and I talked over the matter of my taking that trip for the assistance of Miss Bannan. I know that he was favorable, and he requested me to look into the particulars as to time and expense, etc., for, he said, "There is the same reason for you to visit and assist Miss Bannan at Gambell as there is for you to go to Wales to help Miss Stauffer in her work." I can only get over to St. Lawrence Island in the summer while the Government ship goes in there across from Nome. At Wales I have found that the only good time is in the last of October when the people of the village are at home after the summer work and before they go out to round up the reindeer, and trap and hunt.

To finance my trip by airplane to Nome and return, and by Gov't. boat between Nome and Gambell, I have had Pilot Hans Mirow give me an estimate, about \$225 would be necessary. Will the Board authorize my trip to Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, to be made as soon as I can arrange to go this summer, and send me the check for expenses as soon as possible?

I am wiring Miss Bannan that my response to her call for my visit and services will depend upon favorable word from the Office of the Board.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with cordial, best wishes to you all at Headquarters, I am,

Yours sincerely,

John E. Youel.

May
27th
1939

Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

In response to your letter of May 19th, I regret to say that it will not be possible for us to arrange to have you make the trip to St. Lawrence Island this summer. The financial condition of our treasury is extremely serious and the Board has admonished each department to curtail expenditures at every point. In view of the expense connected with furlough travel of Miss Bannan and Mr. Klerekoper and the necessity of paying salaries to their substitutes, you can easily see what an extremely heavy drain we are having on our budget.

I do hope the way will be clear for you to go next summer. I would advise that you write to Dr. King about the matter early next Spring.

Our insurance department advises me that they have secured a settlement of \$830 in connection with the fire in the Sunday school building at Anchorage. Perhaps the notification of this fire was sent directly to Dr. Morse or someone else here in the Board. This is the first knowledge of it we have received in this office. Can you give us any of the details?

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

MEMORIAL SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Sylvia	- - - - -	Speaks
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading Noll: True Wisdom		
Hymn No.184: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord		
The Apostles' Creed		
Scripture: Exodus 13:3-10		
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory: Star Sapphires	- - - - -	Ranton
Anthem or Hymn	- - - - -	Selected
Sermon: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier		
Hymn No.176: Who Is On the Lord's Side?		
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace		
Piano Postlude: Cherubs, Op.81, No.4	- - - - -	Poldini

Evening Service at Eight

Piano Prelude	- - - - -	Selected
Service of Song led by Mr.Sheller Watson with his Violin		
Prayer		
Scripture: Luke 12:13-34		
Offering		
Offertory	- - - - -	Selected
Song No.245: We Have Heard the Joyful Sound		
Sermon: What Is Life's Best Value?		
Song No.172: I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go		
Prayer and Benediction		

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES will be held Tuesday at 10:30.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY- General Meeting- will be held in Young Memorial Hall Thursday at 2:00 P.M. All Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH meets for practice at 7:00 Thursday Evenings.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR appointment for rehearsals is at 7:30 Thursday Evenings. All Persons who will help during Vacation Months please come.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A.M. every Week.

JUNE "TODAY" is now available there under the Hymn Board.

THE CALENDAR is published Weekly intended for Promotion of Church Life.

GOD OF OUR FATHERS:

"From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy Bounteous goodness nourish us in peace. A-men."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Trees - - - - - Rasbach
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.12: The Secret of Greatness
Hymn No.16: Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: I John 1 and 5
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Cradle Song - - - - - Kreisler
Hymn No.176: Who Is On the Lord's Side?
Sermon: First John-- Fellowship With God
Hymn No.183: O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go
Benediction
Piano Postlude: Scherzo in B-flat - - - - - Schubert

Christian Endeavor at Six Forty Five. A Revival Movement among the Youth.

Evening Service at Eight

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Service of Song led by Sheller Watson and his Violin
Special Singing by The Temple Choir of Youth
Prayer
Scripture: Mark 10:17-31
Offering
Offertory: Piano and Violin Number - - - - - Selected
Song No.254: Who Will Our Pilot Be?
Sermon: Salvation Not For Sale-- A Wonderful Gift
Song No.146: The Light of the World Is Jesus
Prayer and Benediction

TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH meets for practice at 7:00 Thursday Evenings.

PRESBYTERIAN ADULT CHOIR appointment for Summer Plans and Rehearsals is at 7:30 Thursday Evenings. Persons willing to Help will kindly attend.

CHILDREN'S DAY will be observed Next Sunday in a Combined Service of the Church and Sunday School at Ten Thirty. It will be an Interesting Hour.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 A.M. every Week.

GET YOUR COPY OF "TODAY" for June from the stand under the Hymn Board.

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"Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in thy hand. Amen."

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of May 15 to June 14. 1939

Our summer is very beautiful. Gardens of flowers and vegetables are doing nicely. It does not seem possible for such changes to come about so rapidly. This condition causes us to forget the dreariness, discomfort, and hard work of the long winter.

We have experienced a good month of interest and activity in the main departments of the Church. Attendance is falling off abruptly with the opening of the highways for traffic and the attractiveness of the great out-doors. It is good for the people to get out and away from the confinement that is necessary through three-fourths of the year. We shall keep on holding our services at the usual hours in some way.

Our Christian Endeavor Society has been revived and re-organized this past month, and prospects for much interest are excellent. We are expecting and working for a real spiritual revival among our youth.

Special events have taken place in connection with our work. High School Baccalaureate service on one of the Sundays, and on another the annual observance of Children's Day. This latter event was one of the very best that we have known here in the Church in all of our eleven years of taking part with it. We followed the Board's program entitled, "Christian Youth" very closely, and it proved to be most effective and delightful. We held that service as a combined service of the Church and Sunday School. Since the vacation season had come many of our members were out of town, but a good attendance was noted anyway, and we were satisfied. Our offering for Sunday School Missions amounted to over \$21.00- which is being forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board. How we wish the amount could be very much larger. The day was especially observed as an occasion in memory of our late Director and Friend, Dr. John M. Somerndike, whom we are so keenly missing. We shall go right on trying the harder to do our part in the wide field of the Interior of Alaska where we know there is need for definite emphasis upon the Word of God as the basis for life's best work.

We are very happy just at the closing day of this month to have here with us three wonderful persons who have come out from New York and representing the Board of National Missions- Mrs. Florence Hayes, Dr. Frederick R. Thorne, and Mr. John Abernathy. They have come to take our pictures- and we shall try our very best to furnish for them just what they want of us,- and shall surely "look pleasant." It is so good of them to come all of the way to Alaska. We want them to be pleased with us and we are sure that we have things under way in our program that will prove to be worth the picturing. We hope so! God bless them!

Haines House workers and friends have also arrived and are with us-- Miss Harriett Lawrence, and her neice, and Miss Blanche Horner. What a treat we shall enjoy by having these good and interesting folks here in our midst. Do hope they will make us a good long visit. Seldom are we blessed with the presence of several of our own Presbyterian folks who are capable of understanding us so well.

Our summer will be passing rapidly and we shall be very busy. It will be our duty however to take things a bit slowly that we might rest and be well prepared for undertaking the long pull of the organized work when the fall demands are again upon us. Some ways we are tired now. Always we are glad and grateful for good health and things to do.

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

June 23, 1939

Dr. E. Graham Wilson,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wilson:

I feel that I must address you personally in connection with the two copies of communications which I sent to the address of Dr. Somerndike, before I had heard of his death. Later I received word from Miss Blanche Hopp, of the Unit of Alaska Work office, stating that these matters will be deferred for action until Dr. King comes into the office as Director of Alaska Work on August 1st. That seems, and is, too long to wait for action on some of these vitally important things asked for, especially about my own personal need for help and advice regarding the change of field within the next three or four months.

To vastly complicate and intensify my situation there just now comes word of the action of the recent General Assembly changing the Service Pension Plan so that the recipient of the pension at age 65 must accept retirement; if not, then there is no pension coming to him and he must keep on paying the dues until he does retire from the active ministry. That means to me that the income from the Pension treasury expected over a period of the next five years will not come in- amounting to a loss, so to speak, of over \$3,000 plus much more by the necessary payment of dues. Now, I just must stay in the full time work in Alaska, or somewhere. I know that I am adapted to the conditions of the ministry and missionary service of Alaska, - certainly for some kind of service for the promotion of our cause in Alaska. There is no opportunity for me to go into the States and "candidate" for a "call" to a Church. Time and expense prohibit. So far as I know there would be no opportunity of getting a favorable hearing in view of a call for my services.

After fourteen years of work in two fields in Alaska shall I be able to depend upon assistance from our Board Officials there in opening the way for my next field, or the assignment to a place or field of service, that will furnish financial support quite equal to my present salary basis?

I shall be pleased and comforted if you will be able to help us in these most vital things.

How we are desolated by the loss of our Dr. Somerndike!

We have just been greatly delighted by the visit of Mrs. Hayes, Dr. Thorne, and John Abernathy. They gave us much cheer.

Hoping soon to have word from you, and with kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

John E. Youel.

July 7, 1939

Rev. John E. Youel
Fairbanks
Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

Dr. Wilson asked me to reply to your letter of June 23rd since I am giving some attention to Alaska matters until Dr. King takes over the responsibility.

In the first place, may I set your mind at rest as regards your own pension? The change in the Service Pension Plan which was approved by the last General Assembly goes into effect on October 1st and is not retroactive. Unless some different action is taken at some subsequent Assembly, your own pension status will not be changed by this recent action since you reach the age of 65 on September 13. You will begin receiving your pension as of that date and no further pension premiums will need be paid on your account thereafter. If your 65th birthday were after October 1st, instead of before it, the effect on you would then be as you have stated in your letter.

You do not say why you feel it is necessary or desirable for you to give up the church at Fairbanks this fall. I would strongly advise you not to do so but to continue on that field for the present.

I have considered carefully the various recommendations approved by your committee at its meeting on March 11th and subsequently approved by the presbytery on May 2nd. Entirely apart from the merits of the two recommendations for the appointment of General Missionaries, one to be appointed this summer and one next, this is out of the question at present because of budget limitations. This cannot be worked out within the present budget and there is not the slightest possibility of securing an increase in the budget at this time. Indeed, we will be fortunate if we can avoid the necessity of a further reduction in appropriations. It would be idle, therefore, to present this matter to the Board now since I would have to say to the Board that there is no way in which we can carry out these recommendations.

In view of the fact that no action can be taken on these two recommendations, it is my judgment that we should also defer action on the other recommendations concerning changes in furlow rules. I will place these communications in the hands of Dr. King for his attention at the earliest possible date. He will doubtless wish to correspond with you further before he lays the matter before the appropriate committee of the Board.

Rev. John E. Youel

Fairbanks, Alaska July 7, 1939

Reverting to your personal problem, since we cannot provide a new position in which you can serve, the wisest course would seem to me to be for you to continue for the present at Fairbanks.

I am sorry not to be able to give you any more encouragement with reference to your hopes for advanced work. We face this same difficulty in every field and will until financial conditions improve.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

H. N. Morse
Administrative Secretary

HNH:MS

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

July 10th, 1939

Dr. Everett B. King
Hemphill Presbyterian Church
1701 Hemphill Street
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Everett:

I attach a letter to Dr. Wilson from the Reverend John E. Youel, Chairman of the National Missions Committee of Yukon Presbytery; also copy of a letter written to Dr. Somerndike in March and copy of an action of presbytery's Committee, together with a copy of my reply.

You will want to give these various recommendations of the Committee consideration when you have an opportunity to do so.

Cordially yours,



H. N. Morse
Administrative Secretary

HNM:MS

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of June 15 to July 14, 1939

We are in the middle of our summer and it is one of the most beautiful that we have ever known in Alaska. Flowers are everywhere and so gorgeously brilliant in their various colors. Vegetables are fine and a grand crop in all of the gardens. How we wish for many weeks of this!

We are maintaining most all of the regular services and activities of the Church, except that we have discontinued the Evening Services for two months. Many are away for the school vacation period, and others are out at the mining camps and creeks, so that we are missing many of the members of the organizations for a while. Morning Worship, Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, and Ladies Aid Society are all being held right through the summer. Attendance in them all is fairly good.

We enjoyed a wonderful experience and visit with the party from New York, - Dr. Thorne, Mrs. Hayes, and John Abernathy. We had a busy but happy time with them those few days while they were getting the pictures of our Church and various activities representative of the things we are working at all the years through. It was a pleasure and treat for us to have them here, and we only regret that they could not stay much longer. How anxious we shall all be to see the pictures sometime, and we hope that it will not be too long in the future. What a grand lot of views and material for the presentation of our Presbyterian work in Alaska they will have assembled! It will help us who have labored long and patiently in the North to feel and know that, - at last "we are discovered." God grant that their pictorial story will be so greatly blessed.

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Klerekoper made us happy by their dropping in for a day on their trip to the Outside. They are a worthy pair of missionary workers. They could stay but for a brief time that we could not have the time to talk over much of the things that are of great mutual interest and concern with us all in this vast mission field. We pray for a happy and restful furlough year for these dear workers, and that they will be returning next year refreshed in body and soul. How we shall be concerned and praying for the welfare and spiritual stability of those Eskimo Christians of the Barrow area!

Mrs. Youel and I do not see any chance for a vacation in any way this summer. We shall manage to ease-up some of the hours during the weeks and we shall hope to find that we are quite able to go into the long steady pull of another winter season when the time comes. God will be our helper and restorer along those lines as well as all others.

As we have remarked previously, we are glad and grateful for good health, for things to do, and for sympathetic and supporting friends.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

July 22, 1939

Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Brother Youel:

My communication with Dr. Wilson and Dr. Harst has been forwarded to me here in Texas. I do not begin my official responsibility with the Board until the first of August and will not be in the office until the first of September. Some of the important matters are being relayed to me here in Texas for my study and conclusions.

I have gone through the correspondence very carefully and have studied the recommendations or specified suggestions by the Presbytery of Yukon. I am wholly in sympathy with the work in Alaska. I feel that there is in this field an uncertainty that is obstructive to the work. However, I cannot and would not want to pass any judgment on these suggestions until I have more information from you. Please send to me in New York all the information that you have that will be helpful to me about each one of your specified objects.

I have talked with Rev. R.R. Marquis who was in Alaska for four years. He knows you well and told me that I could depend on your judgment as being sound and safe. Because of the distance, I am going to have to look to you for much help.

In this period of transition you will appreciate the fact that it is far better for us to move slowly and carefully and cautiously than it is for us to act hastily and then have to undo what we have done. I hope you will be patient with me and I will assure you that I will do my dead level best to do the best possible thing for our work in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

EBK:L.

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of July 15 to August 14, 1939

Our Alaska Summer is fast passing and we are beginning to feel the tang of fall in the air already. Winter will be back upon us before we are ready for it again. Yes- we rather dread its coming, for it stays so long!

Our services are being held right through the summer with the exception of the Evening Gospel Services,- we are taking that much of a vacation. We have been having quite good attendance and support all along, so that we have been very happy and encouraged.

Many tourist visitors have come to the Church and Manse and have been so pleasant and complimentary about the work we are doing and have very kindly remarked about the appearance of the property, and our garden,- especially the bright and large quality of our flowers.

We are not leaving the field for any time at all this summer. Probably we shall have the use of a cottage at one of the lakes for some of the days between two Sundays a little later. Friends have invited us and we shall enjoy going at their convenience.

So- the work goes on and we are sure that it must all be worth while since it is being done to the glory of God,-- and it is costly through the years.

We are fighting the "good fight of faith" for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls in ALASKA.

We are always grateful for the faith in us and for the support and the prayers of you all in New York, Arkansas City, and Chestnut Hill-Philadelphia. "The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

Aug.
23rd
1939

Rev. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

We have today received the following wires from
Rev. Ralph S. Peterson of Cordova and from his physician, Dr.
J. E. Young:-

DOCTOR YOUNG ADVISES IMMEDIATE TRIP TO CLEVELAND FOR
MEDICAL ATTENTION COULD BOARD GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE
AND TRANSPORTATION FOR MYSELF AND FAMILY TO SEATTLE
NOW RATHER THAN AT TIME OF FURLOUGH MUST LEAVE WITHIN
WEEK KINDLY ADVISE BY WIRE

RALPH S. PETERSON

EXAMINATION OF RALPH PETERSON REVEALS CONDITION ESSENTIAL
HYPERTENSION WITH BLOOD PRESSURE TWO TWENTY ONE ONE THIRTY
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CURATIVE MEASURE AT CLEVELAND CLINIC CLEVELAND OHIO

J. E. YOUNG, M.D.

to which we have replied to Mr. Peterson, as follows:-

SORRY FOR NECESSITY OF OPERATION BOARD WILL GRANT LEAVE
OF ABSENCE AND TRANSPORTATION FOR YOU AND FAMILY TO SEATTLE
AND RETURN IN LIEU OF FURLOUGH DUE NINETEEN FORTYONE
SHALL I WIRE FUNDS IF SO HOW MUCH BEST WISHES

BLANCHE HOPP

I am writing now to inquire whether you have
any suggestions to make regarding the care of this field during
Mr. Peterson's absence. I realize the inaccessibility of Cordova
and also that we will of necessity have to rely on the local leader-
ship to carry on the work during the next four months. Do you
think it would be possible for you to keep in touch with the work
somehow - by mail if not possible by contact - so that Mr. Peterson's
efforts in the past will not be lost?

Cordially yours,

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

September 2, 1939

Dr. Everett B King,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

I have just received the letter from Miss Blanche Hopp telling me of the necessity of Rev. Ralph S. Peterson making a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, for medical and surgical attention at this time. I am very sorry that he is so ill, and we shall be hoping for his complete recovery very soon.

I am glad that the Board has granted him the furlough privileges in this connection, and for his family as well.

I am so far away from Cordova that there is not much that I can do about visiting the Church and Congregation there while Mr. Peterson is absent in the States, but I shall surely communicate with them by letter, and give them all the help and encouragement possible for me to render. I believe that the Session there will rise to the occasion and "carry on" in a good manner. Elder Walter Hodge will prove himself a good leader under the circumstances, I believe.

Thanks for the word from Miss Hopp.

I trust you are happy in the new office, and I am very sure that exceeding much is before you to be done. Thank you for your letter from Fort Worth. I shall write you quite soon about our work here in the Presbytery of Yukon.

With kindest regards and prayers, I am,

Yours faithfully,

John E. Youel

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of August 15 to September 14, 1939

Freezing weather is back upon us again just as we expected it would be about this time. We shall brace up and make the best we can of it. The summer has been grand even though it is very short.

All of the activities of life and work around the Church here have been resumed or have been definitely planned. The opening of the school year starts things going by bringing the many people back into town.

One of the most encourageing things about the present outlook is the fact that there are many newcomers all around the place and many of them are coming this way for their church attendance and support. We shall expect that there are many among them who will at once identify themselves with our body and prove to be capable and faithful workers among us. An appreciable number has already done something favorable about it. That is giving us much joy.

Not a Sunday has been missed by us here through the entire summer. We spent four delightful days at Birch Lake, about 60 miles down the Richardson Highway, in August. It was a happy and restful experience. This was made possible by the kindness of Elder Andrew Merland and his wife. How we wished for a much longer stay and rest at that beautiful place!

A group of youth is one of the most cheering of our present set-up and departments of service. We are giving them all of this line of things that they are willing to take. They are pleasing us greatly.

The Ladies' Aid women are constantly on the working list. They have just now carried through a fine dinner which proved successful financially and gave us all a good start for increased attention and attendance around the Church Corner. Such things are a real help here.

This is all our rallying season- not for one day only, but all of the days and weeks. We are planning to observe SUNDAY, OCTOBER FIRST as our COMMUNION AND ENROLLMENT DAY. Much is to be done leading up to that important event.

The work along all of the ordinary lines will be carried forward. We have never known a better state of spiritual life in this Church, and that is quite a lot to say which spans a period of more than eleven years. I hope that I am not over-estimating our apparent assets.

So we shall be doing all that is in our power to make everything be counting constantly for good in all of the varied program before us. We are always grateful for our faithful friends and supporters.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

September 22, 1939

Dr. Everett B. King,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

You will probably know that the Board, by the advice of Dr. Somerndike, has authorized and financed my trip and visit to the Wales Mission- Thornton Memorial Church- the past two years, and that the arrangement was made for me to make that visit once a year. The latter part of October seems to be the best time for the visit there, since the people are about all at home in the village at that time. Are you willing to indorse that plan, and also arrange for the Treasurer of the Board to send me a cheque for the expenses of my transportation by airplane, and for hotel and meals enroute? Last year \$200 covered my expenses. I am not sure that I can get as good a rate by the plane this year as I did the past two years, but I shall get as good terms as possible, and still go with a good pilot and plane. If you are favorable, will you kindly have sent to me as soon as possible a cheque for \$200 with the understanding that any additional necessary expenses for the proposed trip will be covered by another cheque after my return and report to you?

Miss Emma M. Stauffer of Wales greatly needs my visit and help each year. Sacramental services, advice to the Session, survey of the property,-- many things I am able to do for and with the mission and workers over there make it all worth while. Dr. Somerndike has many times expressed his whole-hearted satisfaction with the idea of my visiting Wales and with the accomplishments. About one week of time must be allowed for the trip and my absence from Fairbanks. Bad weather conditions made eleven days necessary last year.

Word from Miss Stauffer a few days ago states that she is counting upon my visit with them in October. She has many things in mind for me to do while there. I shall plan to be with them over a Sabbath of course. Am looking forward to another wonderfully Communion and Baptismal Service. Wish you could be with us.

I shall be hoping for your full indorsement and authorization of my proposed third trip and visit to Cape Prince of Wales.

Yours faithfully,

John E. Youel

Sept.
30th
1939

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

I am endorsing the plan for you to visit the
Wales mission. Certainly there is need for just such a
visit as you are able to make.

We are enclosing herewith a check for
\$200 to cover your traveling expenses.

When you return from this mission, please give
me a detailed story of your experiences. I am sure it will
be interesting reading and encouraging material.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BH

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

October 13, 1939

Dr. Everett B. King,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

On last March 18th I addressed a letter to Dr. Somerndike in which I stated that I was planning to conclude my work and connection with the Fairbanks Church, and that I wanted to remain in Alaska, or have work in the interests and for the support and promotion of the cause of our Church in Alaska. On July 7th Dr. H.N. Morse wrote to me saying, "You do not say why you feel it is necessary or desirable for you to give up the church at Fairbanks this fall. I would strongly advise you not to do so but to continue on that field for the present." And later in the same letter he said, "Reverting to your personal problem, since we cannot provide a new position in which you can serve, the wisest course would seem to me to be for you to continue for the present at Fairbanks." I have appreciated that advice and the situation very much, of course.

But now I must say that I am sure it is time for me to be making definite plans to move from here, and that I must go not later than next April 1st, - much before that date if possible. I will have been on this field twelve years by that time, and I am convinced that some of my best workers and supporters believe that this church should have a "change of pastor" in the person of a younger man. My wife and I entirely agree with them and shall not be worrying about this expressed attitude. We have had a long time here, and, with our people and the Board back of us, we have accomplished quite a lot of things, so that the church is well established and in a good way for continued progress. Neither the Congregation here, nor the Presbytery, has a man in view as a possible successor to me here in this field and pastorate.

I still have five years of service before me until I come to the age of automatic retirement under the Board of National Missions. Can you not place me somewhere else, or help me to be placed, in Alaska, or in the States for Alaska promotion work, for a few years longer? My health seems to be as good as ever, though it would be better if I could have less responsibility and care about the numerous details, even the janitor's work as has been through the years here.

Please do understand that this matter is urgent and serious with me. I must have several months here for the improvement of my personal business affairs before undertaking the expense necessary on my part for moving anywhere. In the meantime there may be developments causing a vacancy in a field that would seem providential for me in this Presbytery, or elsewhere. It may be that you could arrange to have me stationed over on the Arctic

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JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Page 2- Dr. King.

Coast as a sort of "General Field Missionary" for a few years. I shall be going to Wales to spend the last week of this month, according to your authorization and check just received in last mail. Miss Emma M. Stauffer, Missionary at Wales, has her furlough overdue. She should go to the States next spring. If you would care to arrange and order it, I would be willing to act as ad interim missionary on the Wales field for the year while Miss Stauffer would be taking her furlough. I will be thinking seriously of such possibility while I am on that field in just two weeks from now,- D. V.

If I could be some way supported and my expenses for travel be provided I could, I am quite sure, give a good account of myself and services to the Board for several years. Miss Ann Bannan sent me a message last May asking me to come in June to St. Lawrence Island and help her with her work and stated that there were about 300 persons waiting to be baptized. Had I gone it would have meant the organization of a strong Eskimo Church. I communicated with your office and word came back that the necessary funds- about \$225- were not available for such purpose this year, and that I should postpone going there until next spring. Miss Bannan, I believe, is in the States this year on furlough leave. I hope I can go over there to help her after she returns. That was a call like I imagine came to Saint Paul when he was busy on the frontier making missionary journeys. Also, just a few weeks ago I received a letter from Roy Ahmeogak, the Eskimo Ruling Elder who is in charge of the Barrow Church and field while Fred Klerekoper is in the States on furlough leave, and is not expected to return until late next summer. That means that no ordained Presbyterian Minister is anywhere on the Arctic and Bering Sea Coasts and our far-flung battle lines for doing the regular things all this time. Roy said, in his recent letter, that Percy Ipalook had just been up there from Wainwright, and they together were talking things over and decided to request the Board for having me come over there in the spring and hold sacramental services,- Lord's Supper and Baptisms, etc. That, too, is in place and challenging!

Dr. King, it is extremely urgent that our Board and Presbytery do something more than we have done lately along lines for saving and perpetuating our work and hold over on those Coasts. If we do not keep them well manned right along I am apprehensive that we shall lose the exclusive hold and advantage that has been ours for many years. Note this as a significant fact: Within the past few months both an Episcopal Bishop and a Catholic Bishop have made visits and surveys all along over the fields where our missions are established. They have never had any work of their own anywhere near our fields. This is enough for me to say and suggest for this time. I shall have more information and a good report for you after my Wales trip.

Yours faithfully

John E. Youel

Nov.
6th
1939

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

I have your letter of October 13th, in which you make the definite statement that "I am sure it is time for me to be making definite plans to move from here" and that "I must go not later than next April 1st". Of course, you know your own feelings in the matter better than anyone else. You understand the situation there in Alaska. I will not presume to dictate any policy for you to follow. However, I am going to offer to you a suggestion for your consideration. Since there is so much disorganization in our Alaska work at present, it will be of great help to the cause if you can patiently stand by until some of these pressing problems have been satisfied.

In other words, I am suggesting to you that you carry on just as you are without making plans to move next April. If and when we get several of these matters settled, I shall be very glad to be the first to offer assistance to you in making the change.

It is my hope and plan to visit Alaska in April. I feel that I need you as a staying and stabilizing force on the field at present. I hope that you will not disappoint me and am sure that you will not.

In a recent letter from Miss Stauffer, she refers to her need of a new manse. Can you give me an appraisal of the property and your candid recommendations as to what ought to be done?

Cordially yours,

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of September 15 to October 14, 1939

Winter is definitely here again! Already we are experiencing sub-zero weather- snow over everything- the Chena River here closed on Oct. 10, much earlier than usual. Looks like we shall have a very long winter.

The work of the Church in all departments seems to be going along very well, but there is room for much improvement. Many distractions and conflicts of appointments and interests cause disappointments every week. We should like to have the entire right-of-way for doing the many things listed in our full program. We can undertake to do our best work under the circumstances.

The Sunday School is flourishing. The largest enrollment in the history of the Church occurred during the past year from Oct. 1, 1938 to Sept. 30, 1939. A good start is being made for an even better record,- more than 100 have registered on the first two Sundays of October. We expect a great year of progress in Bible Study and Christian Culture in our congregation. The interest is fine.

The Young People are busy and doing some independent thinking and are showing marked spiritual advancement. We are much pleased with their part in the general program around the Church.

As usual the Ladies' Aid women do not fail us. They are always busy.

Three Choirs are now active assets in our Church: The children--called The Temple Choir of Youth; The Young People-- called The Christian Endeavor Choir; The adults- The Presbyterian Choir. What a real help they are toward making our services the more attractive and effective!

On October 1st our new radio station was formally declared "ON THE AIR." It is a fine 1000-watt station. On Oct. 8th this Church presented a one-half hour service, and thereby inaugurated the "Church of the Air" to be a regular event each Sunday afternoon, with five local churches rotating in order furnishing each Sunday a complete brief service. We have received word from many people, who heard our service, reporting that it was perfectly well received. We shall gladly make use of our opportunity to do this same thing, taking our turn with the other local churches. It is a grand thing that we have such a wonderful station as this is in our part of the country. Gladly shall we submit our services with prayers that many far out from Fairbanks may be saved and blessed by hearing our messages in sermon and song. We shall be very careful and earnest in carrying through our part.

Many plans for the future days and weeks are being arranged. It seems that there is just before us a real harvest time. We shall be doing all that is possible for us to do all of the time. May we find that we are given strength and wisdom to go through the year giving our maximum for Christ and His Kingdom.

Pray for us. We are constantly being borne up by the faithful support of all of our friends everywhere. We are so grateful.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Excerpt from Sonata, Op. 10, No. 1 - - - Beethoven
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 7: God's Constant Care
Hymn No. 61: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Scripture: I Cor. 11:23-34
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Baptism of Children
Call to Confession of Faith and Church Membership
Offering
Offertory: From a Deserted Cabin - - - Strickland-
Anthem: Turn Unto Me - - - Suter
Sermon: He Gave Himself for Me- "I am crucified with Christ" Gal. 2:20
Duet: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - - - Windermere
Messrs. Fred and Martin Koschmann
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Hymn No. 172: I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: In the Luxembourg Gardens - - - Manning

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. The Youth for Christ and the Church.

Special Tonight at Seven. KFAR Dedication Program will be heard here in the Church. This arrangement is for the accommodation of those who wish to be present for the evening services and for many who do not have radios in their homes. It is expected that reception will be perfect and the associations within the auditorium most enjoyable. Please pass along our invitation to many others. All are cordially welcome.
After the broadcast if time remains a brief Service will be held.

ALL CHURCH OFFICERS are called to meet Tuesday Night at 7:30.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesday Nights at 7:00

THE CHURCH MEETING for Prayer and Bible Study will be held Wednesday Nights at 7:30 in Young Memorial Hall. Come and bring your friends.

GENERAL MEETING of the Ladies' Aid will be held Thursday at 2:00 in Young Memorial Hall. Mesdames Hopkins and Marsh will be the Hostesses.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH meets for practice at 7:00 Thursday Nights.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for practice Thursday Nights at 7:30.

THE CONGREGATION is called to meet at Noon Sunday, Oct. 8, at the close of Morning Worship, to consider and adopt the Application for National Missions Aid and relative papers.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 every Week. Come.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Prelude, Op. 25, No. 2 - - - - - Wright
Doxology- Invocation- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 8: God Our Helper
Hymn No. 99: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: La Separation, Op. 109, No. 16 - - - - - Burgmuller
Solo and Chorus: Son of My Soul - - - - - Parker
Sermon: The Christian Grace of Being Tender-hearted
Hymn No. 227: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: The Return, Op. 85, No. 5 - - - - - Mendelssohn

At 12:00 NOON- A Congregational Meeting will be held very briefly. Purpose is for adoption of the Annual Application for National Missions Aid

Church of the Air- KFAR Studios 2:30 to 3:00. We shall present the Service and inaugurate the plan to be continued each Sunday by the several churches of the community. Kindly tune in Today.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Our Youth for Christ and the Church.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Piano Prelude - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise
Prayer
Scripture
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Special song by the Christian Endeavor Choir
Sermon
Song of Invitation
Prayer and Benediction- "The Lord watch between us"

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesday Nights at 7:00

CHURCH MEETING FOR PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY Wednesday Nights at 7:30.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR meets for practice Thursday Nights at 7:30.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: A Winter's Tale - - - - - De Leone
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.9: The Fearlessness of the Faithful
Hymn No.81: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: II Chron. 29:20-36
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Berceuse, Op.109, No.7 - - - - - Burgmuller
Anthem Devotion: Redemption - - - - - Suter
Sermon: Consecration- The Song Follows the Sacrifice
Hymn No.259: O Jesus, I Have Promised
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Melodie - - - - - Adams

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Our Youth for Christ and the Church.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise
Prayer
Scripture
Topic for Thought and Action
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir
Sermon
Song of Invitation
Prayer and Benediction- "God be with you till we meet again"

THE CHOIR OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR practices Wednesday Nights at 7:00.

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER MEETING for the Congregation Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.

LADIES' AID CIRCLE MEETINGS Thursday at 2:00 P.M.: East Side with Mrs. Cooley, 319 Wendell St.; West Side with Mrs. Ernest Hubbard, Rose Apartments, Garden Island. All Ladies are urgently invited.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR holds rehearsals Thursday Nights at 7:30.

A SCREEN EXHIBITION OF BEAUTIFUL ALASKAN PICTURES- perhaps some others- will be offered in the Church next Friday Evening at 8:00. After the exhibition a delightful Social Hour with Refreshments will be enjoyed in Young Memorial Hall. This is a Ladies' Aid Project and will deserve and receive very large interest and support. Pass along the good word.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: A Scarf Dance - - - - - Chaminade
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.10: The Word of God
Hymn No.114: The Church's One Foundation
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: A Little Love Song - - - - - MacDougal
Anthem: Rejoice Greatly - - - - - Woodward
Sermon: Praying- "Thy Kingdom Come . . . Give Us Daily Bread"
Hymn No.80: Crown Him With Many Crowns
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Sarabande - - - - - Handel

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Our Youth for Christ and the Church.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected
Prayer
Scripture
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Duet: By the Misses Barbara Lake and Evelyn Craig
Service Theme: The Life of the Christian in Song
 "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"
 "O Happy Day That Fixed My Choice"
 "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me"
 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
 "I Would Be True"
 "Take Time to Be Holy"
 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
 "How Firm a Foundation"
 "It Is Well With My Soul"
 "Saved by Grace"
 "Abide With Me"
Invitation
Prayer and Benediction- "God be with you till we meet again"

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesday Nights at 7:00
THE PRAYER MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION is held Wednesday Nights at 7:30.
THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practices Thursday Nights at 7:00.
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursday Nights at 7:30.
SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Largo, From the New World Symphony - - Dvorak
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No.13: The Memory-Book of God's Heroes
Hymn No.17: The Lord's My Shepherd,I'll Not Want
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Romans 1:1-17
Congregational Response No.105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Devotion - - - - - Moter
Anthem: Rock of Ages - - - - - Heyser
Sermon: The Only Way to Please God
Hymn No.222: Faith Is the Victory That Overcomes the World
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord,Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: The Grove of Julie,Op.139,No.2 - - - Bendel

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Our Youth for Christ and the Church.
Special Study: The Book of Revelation

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise
Prayer
Scripture
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir
Sermon: When Christ Comes Will He Find Faith on the Earth?
Song of Invitation
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesday Nights at 7:00

PRAYER MEETING OF THE CHURCH is held every Wednesday Night at 8:00.

THE LADIES' AID- GENERAL MEETING- will be held Thursday at 2:30 in Young Memorial Hall. All Ladies please come. Annual Bazaar date is November 18

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH comes for practice Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU- YOU NEED THE CHURCH. LOYALLY HELP US IN THE WORK.

THE SUPREME DUTY OF THE CHURCH IS TO PROMOTE THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Winter, Op. 32, No. 4 - - - - - Grieg
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 11: True Wisdom
Hymn No. 257: I Need Thee Every Hour
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: John 4:31-38
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory: Meditation - - - - - Kinder
Anthem: Invocation - - - - - Schoebel
Sermon: The Dedicated Will the Wellspring of the Christian Religion
Hymn No. 205: Lord Jesus, I Long To Be Perfectly Whole
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Allegro Marcatissimo, Op. 21, No. 1 - - - Schumann

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Our Youth for Christ and the Church.
Special Study: The Book of Revelation

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise led by Mr. Sheller Watson
Prayer
Scripture
Offering
Offertory - - - - - Selected
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir: Saved By Grace
Sermon: Abounding Grace
Song of Invitation
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING OF THE CHURCH is held every Wednesday Night at 8:00.

LADIES' AID CIRCLES will meet Thursday at 2:00. To learn places please call the Circle Leaders. Meetings will be held this week so that there may be longer time for making final preparations for the Bazaar Nov. 18"

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH comes for practice Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursday Nights at 7:30.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

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RED CROSS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: O Love, From Liebestraum, No. 2 - - - Liszt
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri
Responsive Reading No. 12: The Secret of Greatness
Hymn No. 119: Onward, Christian Soldiers
The Apostles' Creed
Scripture: Matthew 3
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart
Pastoral Prayer
Talk: The American Red Cross
Offering
Offertory: Under the Leaves - - - - - Thome
Soprano Solo: Hold Thou My Hand - - - - - Briggs
Miss Anabeth Rennie
Sermon: Best Things Come While in the Line of Daily Duty
Hymn No. 260: Hark! Hark My Soul!
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace
Piano Postlude: Alla Marcia, Op. 53, No. 1 - - - - - Rogers

Church of the Air at Three Thirty. Our Service Today from KFAR Studios.

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. Our Youth for Christ and the Church.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments - - - - - Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise led by Mr. Sheller Watson and Choir
Prayer
Scripture
Offering
Offertory Music - - - - - Selected
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir
Sermon: The Call and the Volunteer
Song of Invitation
Prayer and Benediction "God be with you till we meet again"

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING OF THE CHURCH is held every Wednesday Night at 8:00.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH comes for practice Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursday Nights at 7:30.

ANNUAL BAZAAR OF THE LADIES' AID will be held next Saturday opening at 2:00 P.M. in Young Memorial Hall. There will be something very good and fine available for the purchase and enjoyment of everybody. Let us all plan to come in and help our Ladies realize a well-deserved success.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

NARRATIVE-- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Month of October 15 to November 14, 1939

There is no doubt about the season here now- it is winter! Temperature stays not far from zero most of the time. We are often mentioning the weather in connection with our reports because so much depends upon it in everything we undertake to do. But in spite of the cold climate in the winters we are always going ahead with most of the regular programs.

The program of Church Activities is being carried along in the customary way, and there is nothing especially worthy of mention. All departments and ages of the people are responding fairly well. This is proving to be one of the very best years that we have ever known in the work of the Church. Several months of operation and promotion should bring about very extraordinary results by next Easter. Evangelism will be given the main emphasis in all of the Church and in every service.

The Sunday School is rapidly growing and we have great reason for encouragement. The Christian Endeavor is also receiving better support and is gaining in interest and effectiveness.

The three Choirs are doing nobly and add greatly to the appeal for attendance.

The Church has taken another turn with a good service "on the air", last Sunday a complete Church Service was presented and reception was excellent everywhere, even far out we are told. We are glad that we have the privilege of extending our message and influence for Christian service by means of the radio. Our local station- KFAR- is a grand asset for this country. There is no charge for broadcasting our religious services.

Busy and challenging responsibilities are just ahead of us: the annual Ladies Aid Bazaar; Thanksgiving; Christmas; and many other duties, such as many marriages and funerals. Just keeping the fires going is a job quite enough for a man. Here this duty falls to the lot of the pastor. By doing this our budget of expenses can be saved materially.

We are always certain that many friends are constantly praying for us and we are cheered and enabled to go forward every day in all of the work. Please hold us and the cause of Christ in Alaska frequently before the throne of grace.

"The Lord watch between us."

John E. Youel, Pastor & Missionary

Rev. J. E. Gmel

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fairbanks, Alaska

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1939

Morning Worship at Eleven

Piano Prelude: Moonlight Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2	- - -	Beethoven
Doxology- Invocation- Lord's Prayer- Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading No. 15: God's Invitations		
Hymn No. 34: Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come		
The Apostles' Creed		
Scripture: John 20:19-31		
Congregational Response No. 105: Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart		
Pastoral Prayer		
Offering		
Offertory: Cradle Song	- - - - -	Hauser
Anthem:	- - - - -	Selected
Sermon: Reading the Wonderful Hands of Christ		
Hymn No. 80: Crown Him With Many Crowns		
Benediction- Choral Response: Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace		
Piano Postlude: Viennese Dream	- - - - -	Kern

Christian Endeavor at Six Thirty. For Christ and the Church.

Evening Service at Seven Thirty

Hymn-tune Moments	- - - - -	Selected
Songs of Hope and Praise led by Sheller Watson and Choir		
Talk by Edby Davis on "The Cure of Stammering and Stuttering Speech"		
Prayer		
Scripture		
Offering		
Offertory Music	- - - - -	Selected
Song by the Christian Endeavor Choir		
Sermon: Good News for Everybody		
Song of Invitation		
Prayer and Benediction	"God be with you till we meet again"	

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CHOIR meets for practice Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

PRAYER MEETING OF THE CHURCH is held every Wednesday Night at 8:00.

THE TEMPLE CHOIR OF YOUTH practises Thursday Nights at 7:00.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Thursday Nights at 7:30.

THE BETHANY BIBLE CLASS will meet with Mrs. Einar Tonseth Friday Night.

SCHOOL OF THE CHURCH- Sunday School- convenes at 10:00 Sunday Mornings.

THIS CALENDAR IS YOURS FOR REFERENCE IN THE SERVICES AND IN YOUR HOMES.

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Nov.
29th
1939

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

In conversation with Mr. Bingle, he told me that you would be interested in supplying the church at Cordova temporarily. We do not have any definite word about Mr. Peterson. There is still a question as to whether or not he will ever be able to return to his field in Alaska.

Bingle said that you would like to move to Cordova and supply that church. I have been thinking about this quite a good deal and my mind is clear that by the beginning of the new year if we do not have any more encouraging word from Mr. Peterson, this exchange can be worked out. If you do move to Cordova, it will be best for Peterson to leave all of his household effects and for you to move in and take charge of them. If you have any personal property or belongings in Fairbanks, I suggest that you leave them where they are.

I expect to be in Alaska the latter part of March. If possible, I will be there to spend Easter.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BH

First Presbyterian Church

JOHN E. YOUEL, PASTOR

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

December 5, 1939

Dr. Everett B. King,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. King:

Thank you so much for your letter of Nov. 6th, in which you express your desire very strongly that I should make no plans for leaving Fairbanks as my field of labor before next April 1st. I shall want to do as you suggest, and you can depend upon me to stand by for some time yet, hoping that I can be of some good use to you in your deep concern with us in getting our fields all manned and in good order.

It is most pleasing to me that you say you are expecting to come to Alaska and make us a visit next April. We shall surely be very happy to have you here. Please plan to stay long enough to get acquainted and come to understand our situations and problems here on the various fields, when you come.

I am much comforted by your saying that you will then be the first to offer assistance to me in making the change of field which I am believing still should be made ere long now. I feel sure that you will see that Mrs. Youel and I will be in the very best place in which we are well fitted to devote several more years. It seems to us that, if it becomes the Board's policy to establish the field of "General Missionary" in the bounds of Yukon Presbytery, one to constitute southern and interior Alaska, and another to be in the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean areas, one of the two, or, if one man would be appointed and supported for the entire presbyterial area, then I am honest in my belief that I should have such a commission and job for the next few years. At least the idea appeals to me now very strongly.

At your convenience, will you kindly talk with Dr. A. B. Keeler about me and my possible usefulness for some time and some place for a few years ahead? He and I have been acquainted through many years pleasantly.

I must report to you that I have not yet been able to make the authorized trip and visit to Wales this fall. I was ready to start when a telegram came from Miss Stauffer that an epidemic of measles was in the village, and that no public meetings could be held for many weeks. I am waiting to go until word comes that all is favorable.

Yours faithfully,

John E. Youel

Dec.
16th
1939

Rev. Mr. John E. Youel,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Youel:

The Cordova church is very anxious to have you supply them for a period of six months or perhaps a year. I am concurring in their request and if it is at all possible I hope that you can and will make arrangements to begin your work as a supply in Cordova as soon after the first of January as it will be possible for you to do so. Please let me know immediately when you can arrange to make the transfer.

In making the transfer, it would be the wise policy for you to leave whatever possessions you have in Fairbanks and to take up your quarters in the manse at Cordova, using Rev. Mr. Peterson's equipment. He too will have some personal possessions that you can take care of for him.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BH